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OF
WILLIAM NICKERSON

1604 - 1689

FIRST SETTLER
OF
CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

PART I

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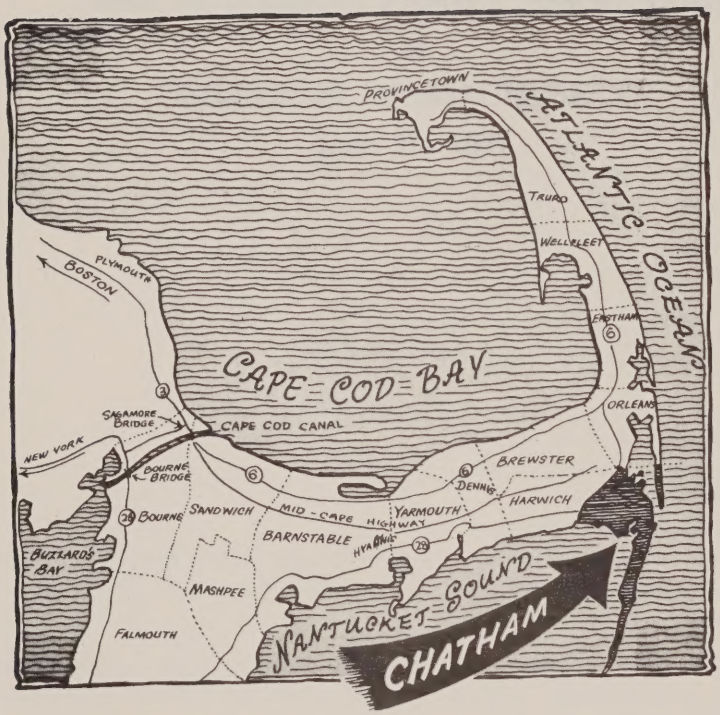
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TO THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM EMERY NICKERSON
FOUNDER
of
THE NICKERSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION
at
CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
June 19, 1897

Nearly one hundred years ago, this revered forebear commenced a search for his Nickerson ancestors. His fascination with the family and its history lead him to gather information from all quarters with the hope of providing material toward a full family record. He enlisted the services of his friend, Anna C. Kingsbury, a research genealogist, and they entered into a wide search, corresponding, copying records and traveling throughout the country and abroad. A formidable amount of material was accumulated, much of it coming directly from family records, deeds and wills otherwise unrecorded. The entire files, kept by Miss Kingsbury after his death, were turned over by her to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in 1841. Known as the William Emery Nickerson Papers, they have been a most valuable reference in the compilation of this Genealogy.

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Because of the nature, detailed documentation, and the need for continuity in the work these appointments were made for a five-year term. Within two years two other interested members were added to the committee — Pauline (Wixon) Derick (Mrs. Orion) of South Dennis and Beatrice (Nickerson) Teel (Mrs. Donald) of Rockland, Maine.

This committee has worked for ten years with unusual loyalty and diligence in the search for reliably documented information from innumerable sources — from coast to coast. The hours given in copying, corresponding, filing and charting could hardly be estimated. Some Association members who have been of particular assistance are:

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To you of Nickerson ancestry — we still welcome additional information which will include your family, or which may fill in some of our blanks. The Committee continues to work toward publishing the succeeding generations as well as any supplementary material to this first section.

The Nickerson Family Association also acknowledges, with deep feeling and special appreciation, a most significant contribution made toward the publication of this Genealogy by Mr. and Mrs. Leston S. Nickerson of Hingham, Mass. in memory of their son

DANIEL JAY NICKERSON

1925 - 1971

THE NICKERSON CLAN

Well here we are, The Nickerson Clan
From near and far to the Cape's narrow land
From North and South, from East and West
Back to Cape Cod, the old "home nest".
Let's talk of that ancestor of yore
Who landed on New England's shore
So many, many years ago.

He came from the village of Norwich town
This William Nickerson of Cape Cod renown
In far away England, a weaver was he
With a restless foot and a wish to be
In a land where one could feel ever free
So he packed his belongings, his family and wife
And crossed the wild ocean to begin a new life.

He landed mongst friends he already knew
Who told of a town which was then quite new
And advised him to buy and settle down
In a place on Cape Cod, known as Yarmouth town.
So to Yarmouth, Cape Cod, he eventually hied
Where no doubt his wife hoped he'd be satisfied.

Now William though somewhat of a "devil may care"
Stood for what was honest, upright and fair
His judgment was good, and his courage rare.
But William had the Nickerson way
His opinion to voice with forceful sway
In fact his heritage still is not lost
Though oft 'twould be wiser to count the cost.

But as a man thinketh so he is
And William often in meeting riz
To tell those assembled "to mind their biz".
At last he decided to form a town
Where preachers and magistrates couldn't frown,
A town that had laws that were fair and right
If he could find a promising site.

The spot that he chose, was beautiful land
Pleasant Bay rippled softly along its sands
And Long Cove wandered idly through meadow and marsh.
On the outer beach sounded the ocean's surf harsh;
The fields were just waiting into farms to be made
By turning the earth with ploughshare and spade
So William decided that this was the place
And sought the Chief's wigwam, the Sachems to face.

With old Mattaquason and John Quason too
Both Sachems of note and of great respect due
He held council and offered a fair and square deal
For the land that required their sign and their zeal
He was all for closing the deal, then and there
All things being open, straight forward, and square
But old Mattaquason said: "No, not so fast"
"Sachems wait for a sign, as they had in the past".

"And if came a bear, then the deal is no good
But if came a deer, all will be as it should".
We know 'twas a deer for we here today
Are William's descendants; what more can we say?
And so was completed this land deal transaction
To the Sachems' and Nickersons' full satisfaction.

For one boat and six kettles, twelve axes and hoes
Forty shillings in money, and some heavy warm clothes
A long string of wampum, both purple and white,
"Indian money" from quahaug shells fashioned just right,
And last but not least some sort of a hat,
The old Sachem was proud to be owner of that.
Mattaquason and John were well satisfied
And lived in peace and contentment nearby till they died.

Generations have followed till the Nickerson Clan
Is scattered afar in many lands,
But the man whom we honor with respect today
The man with the vision and power to sway
Is old William Nickerson of past renown
Who came to Cape Cod and founded a town.

Written by "Aunt Geneva" Nickerson Eldredge, at age 82, for the Association meeting in August, 1959.

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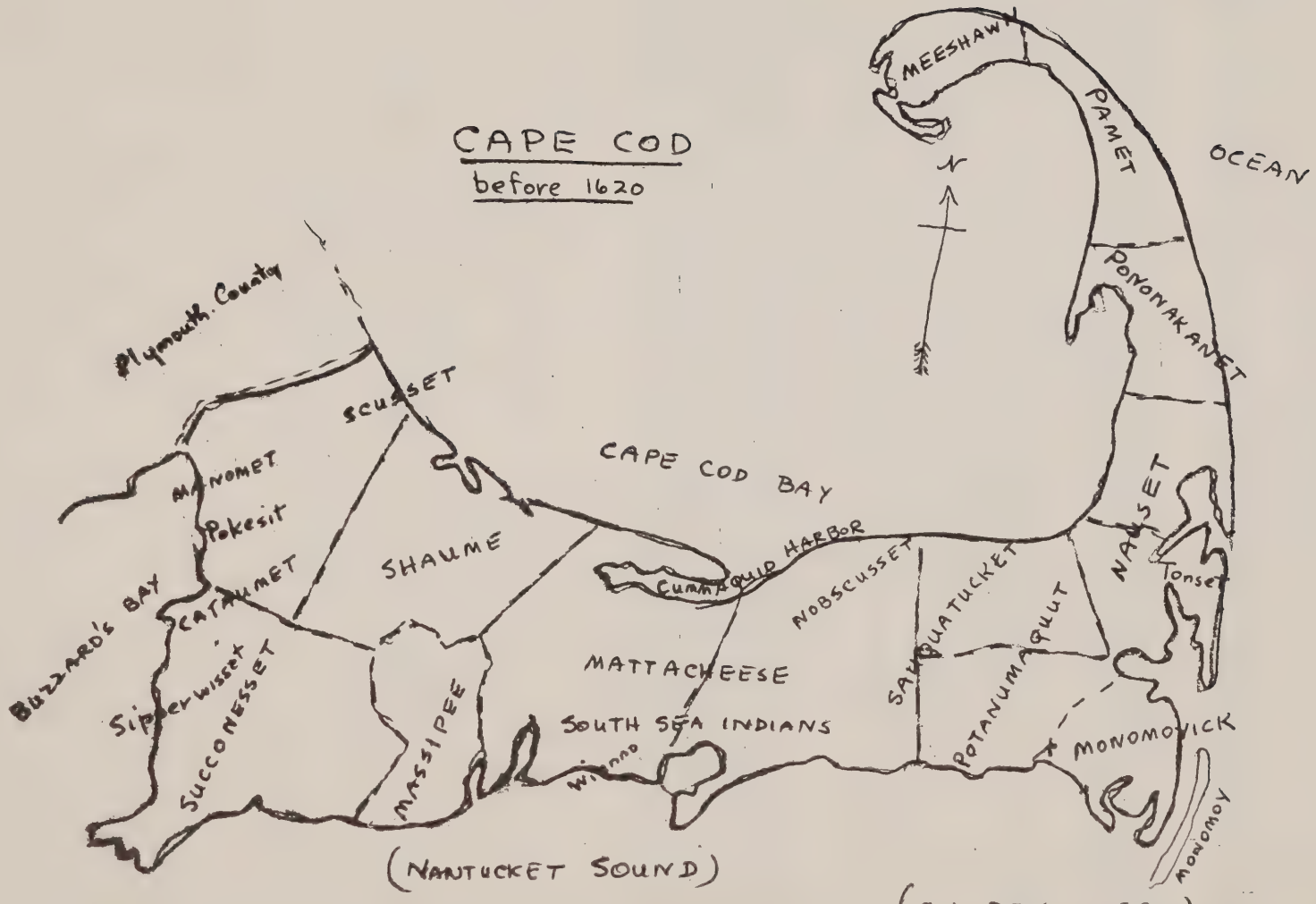


(S.L. DEYO, 1890)
History of Barnstable County

EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHATHAM — MONOMOIT — In many source records and accounts, and also in this genealogy, the names Chatham and Monomoit (variations) are used interchangeably. This applies even to some entries dated before 1712, when Chatham was so named.

BREWSTER was the North Precinct of Harwich until 1803. Nevertheless, the "Brewster Church" often referred to was the Harwich Parish Church before that date.

LOST RECORDS — The earliest records of Yarmouth (which included the present Dennis towns) were lost in a fire in 1677. Many records of the town and county of Barnstable were lost when the County Court House burned in 1827.

DOUBLE DATES — These are frequently used — for example — : February 20, 1696-7. In 1752 England adopted the Gregorian calendar in which the year begins on January first. Prior to that, the year was considered to begin on March 25. Therefore we find that February 20 would fall in 1696 by the old calendar, but in 1697 by the present one.

FIFTH GENERATION — To provide further links for your search, the vital statistics we now have for the fifth generation have been included, pending the full publication.

A NICKERSON FAMILY CHART INDEX is added to facilitate your references.

REFERENCES — A complete bibliography of sources will be found at the back of the book. Pertinent references are noted at the end of each family outline.

LAND DIVISIONS — approximate, by present day maps:
The Quason Purchase of 1713-14 — bounded on the north by Long Pond, on the east by Brewster-Chatham Rd. and Depot Road, on the south by Route 28, and on the east by Route 124. The Little Quason Division of 1730, now East Harwich — bounded on the north by Pleasant Bay Road, on the east by Pleasant Bay, on the south by Bay Road and on the west by Brewster-Chatham Road. The Crocker Neck Division, now West Harwich — the area encircled by Swan Pond, Herring River and Nantucket Sound.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE NICKERSON COAT-OF-ARMS

From the Latin "Nidus", from the Scandinavian "Nicker, Nykei, Nicor or Nykor", from the French "Niche", all meaning recess or hollow place in a wall for a vase or statue, our ancient name began. It first appeared in England, via Flanders, with William The Conquerer in 1066 when the first-born son was known as the "son of Niche". In the 16th century, variations occurred in the spelling, appearing in known records as Nickisson, Nickason, Nickinson, Nichols, Nicholson and Nixon. By 1600 most of the families seem to have adopted Nickerson, Nicholson or Nixon.

In 1522 a Nicholson Nyker was admitted a freeman in Norwich, England. Perhaps our earliest association with this name and a coat-of-arms, is to be found in the quaint church yard burial ground at Frenze, 20 miles from the birthplace of William, our common ancestor. Here, on a slab, ever so faint, is found the shield and figures as we know them.

Now, the yeomanry and worsted weavers, as a class, were not considered armigerous, and there is no reason to suppose that William and his grandfathers were exceptions to this custom. But his forbear, who was the owner of the Manor of Frenze, most certainly was laid to rest beneath his coat-of-arms.

Primarily this is pictured as the basic shield — shaped from the bodily contour it once protected — containing the charges, in this case being the three suns in gold splendor, signifying glory and honor, on a field of blue with two bars of ermine representing dignity. The helmet with visor closed indicated an earlier bearer to be a Lord (France). The mantling represents the flowing cloaks worn in heavy weather. The coloring comes from the main color of the shield as well as the metals used. The crest is the dove with olive branch perched on a rope of boiled leather, denoting strength. At the base of the supporters are quills signifying learned men. No other motto is known but the Latin, which simply states "By the name of Nickerson".

Communication with the College of Arms in London reveals that no arms had been recorded in the name of Nickerson. A pedigree for the family of Nicholson was confirmed 7 September 1596. The arms confirmed were blazoned azure, two bars ermine in chief, three suns in splendor, etcetera. Our right to them has never been established. It surely looks as though a Nicholson beat a Nickerson to the Armory, and from that time we have used a variant of the one recorded.

John Coles and son, 1780-1845, itinerant American artists, using John Guillenm's "A Display of Heraldry", are responsible for the old paintings and engravings of our Coat-of-Arms found in Cape Cod homes. There are evidences of their embellishing their art work to suit the owner, establishing to some degree, an art form authentic to the American tradition.

If we were to establish that our name originally was Nicholson, or were willing to accept Nickerson as a variant of Nicholson, we would be properly registered in the College of Arms and entitled to one so recorded. The name Nicholson is common ton the Scottish border but not in the area of our William "The Immigrant" and his antecedents.

And so we come to the twentieth century where the coat-of-arms, originally a light tunic worn over battle armor, decorated with family symbols, and serving to identify friend from foe, has become more a piece of decor, proudly displayed on walls, mantles, bookplates and stationery, to show that our instinctive love for family is still strong and enduring.

Pauline Nickerson Kennedy

Nickerson

WILLIAM NICKERSON "THE IMMIGRANT"

From the papers of Warren Sears Nickerson (1880-1966)(P.)

1604 WILLIAM NICKERSON, first of the name in this country, was born in Norwich, Norfolk, England about 1604. He was a weaver by trade and no doubt belonged to the Weaver's Guild of Norwich. He signed himself as a "Weaver" long after he came to America, and practiced his trade to some extent. About 1630 he married Anne, the daughter of Nicholas and Bridget (Cocke) Busby, who was then about 22 years old. She had been baptized at St. Mary Coslany, Norwich, England, 2 February 1607/8.

1637 On account of the persecutions of Bishop Wren, of Norfolk, whose zealous efforts against non-conformists drove over 3000 small craftsmen out of the country, William decided to go to America with his family, and their examination just before their departure from England reads thus: "The examination of William Nickerson of Norwich, in Norfolk, weaver, aged 33, and Anne, his wife, aged 28, with four children, Nicho, Robartt, Elizabeth, Anne, are desirous to go to Boston in New England there to inhabit. April 8, 1637." (Hottens History of Immgrants). They had five other children born to them in America: Samuel, John, Sarah, William, and Joseph.

They sailed from Yarmouth, England, April 15, 1637, on the Ship John and Dorothy, Capt. William Andrews, Master, accompanied by the consort Rose, commanded by the Captain's son. With them sailed his wife's parents, and all the Nickerson children. In the same party was 18 year old Samuel Lincoln, the ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, and also of Joseph Lincoln, the famous author of Cape Cod stories. They arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, in New England on June 20, 1637.

1638 May 2, 1638, William Nickerson took the oath of a free-man at Boston, though it was likely that he was living in Watertown with his wife's people who came there after a brief stay in Newbury, Massachusetts. (Hawes, Cape Cod Library I #102)

1640 Dec. 1, 1640, he was proposed as a free-man at the Plymouth Colony Court, evidently planning to settle in the jurisdiction of the Old Colony rather than in that of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. (Ibid.)

1641 He took the oath of fidelity June 1, 1641, and on the same date he was on the grand jury and was propounded to be a free-man at the next court, being described as of Yarmouth. (Ibid.) Evidently he moved his family to Yarmouth about this time. His house and farm were near Folland's Pond (then known as Little Bass Pond) at the head of Bass River. When he later moved to Monomoyick (Chatham), he sold his Yarmouth farm to James Matthews, and the deed theref was still in the Amos Otis papers as late as 1864.

1641/2 With others he was complained of March 1, 1641/, as a "Scoffer and jeerer of religion", which was true to his spirit of a non-conformist. Several times in the next twenty years he was in trouble with the church, and very likely that had much to do with his decision to move into the wilderness of Monomoy. His trouble with the minister seemed in no way to affect his standing as a citizen, because he continued to be chosen to responsible civil offices as long as he remained in Yarmouth.

1643/4 He was among those between 16 and 60 able to bear arms in Yarmouth. Was chosen on the committee headed by Captain Myles Standish to settle disputes over land boundaries which had become acute in Yarmouth. (Hawes #102)

1648 May 14, 1648, in the final allotment of lands at Yarmouth by the Standish Land Court, 10 acres of upland and 6 acres of meadow were laid out to him at Little Bass Pond ("toward the South sea", the record reads). This was the farm he had lived on for about 8 years and he also had purchased 6 acres of meadow in "Nobscusset Meadows", now known as Hockanom.

1656 Prior to or early in 1656, Nickerson had bought of the Indian Chief Mattaquason and John Quason, his son, a tract of land at Monomoy without the consent of the authorities, which was contrary to a law of June 6, 1643, and he had obtained no deed thereof.

This was the law:

"Whereas it is holden very unlawful and of dangerous consequence and it hath beene the constand custome from our first beginning

That no person or persons have or ever did purchase Rent or hire any lands herbage wood or tymber of the Natives but by the Magistrates consent. It is therefore enacted by the court that if any person or persons do here-after purchase rent or hyre any land herbage wood or tymber of any of the Natives in any place within this Government without the consent & assent of the Court Every such person or persons shall forfeit five pounds for every acree wch shallbe so purchased hyred rented and taken And for wood & tymber to pay five tymes the value thereof to be levyed to the Colonies use." (II Plym. Col. Recs. 41.)
June 3, 1656, this matter was brought before the court:

"Att this court William Nicarson appeered, being summoned to answare for his buying of land of the Indians, contrary to order of the Court, and for selling of a boat to the Indians, against a warrant directed to Yarmouth strictly prohibiting the same, haveing left the boate to bee the Indians; concerning his breach of order in buying of land, hee lyeth under the fine and penalty expressed in the order for the breach thereof; and for his contempt of the warrant, he is disfranchised his freedom." His purchase was again before the Court June 3, 1657:

"In answare unto a petition preferred to the court by William Nicarson, desiring to have liberty to enjoy the land hee purchased att Mannamoiett, —

The court have ordered, that the said land shall be viewed by some that shall be deputed; and afterwards, upon their report to the court, hee is to have a competency or proportion out of it allowed unto him, and then to resigne up the remainder unto the court." (Hawes #102)

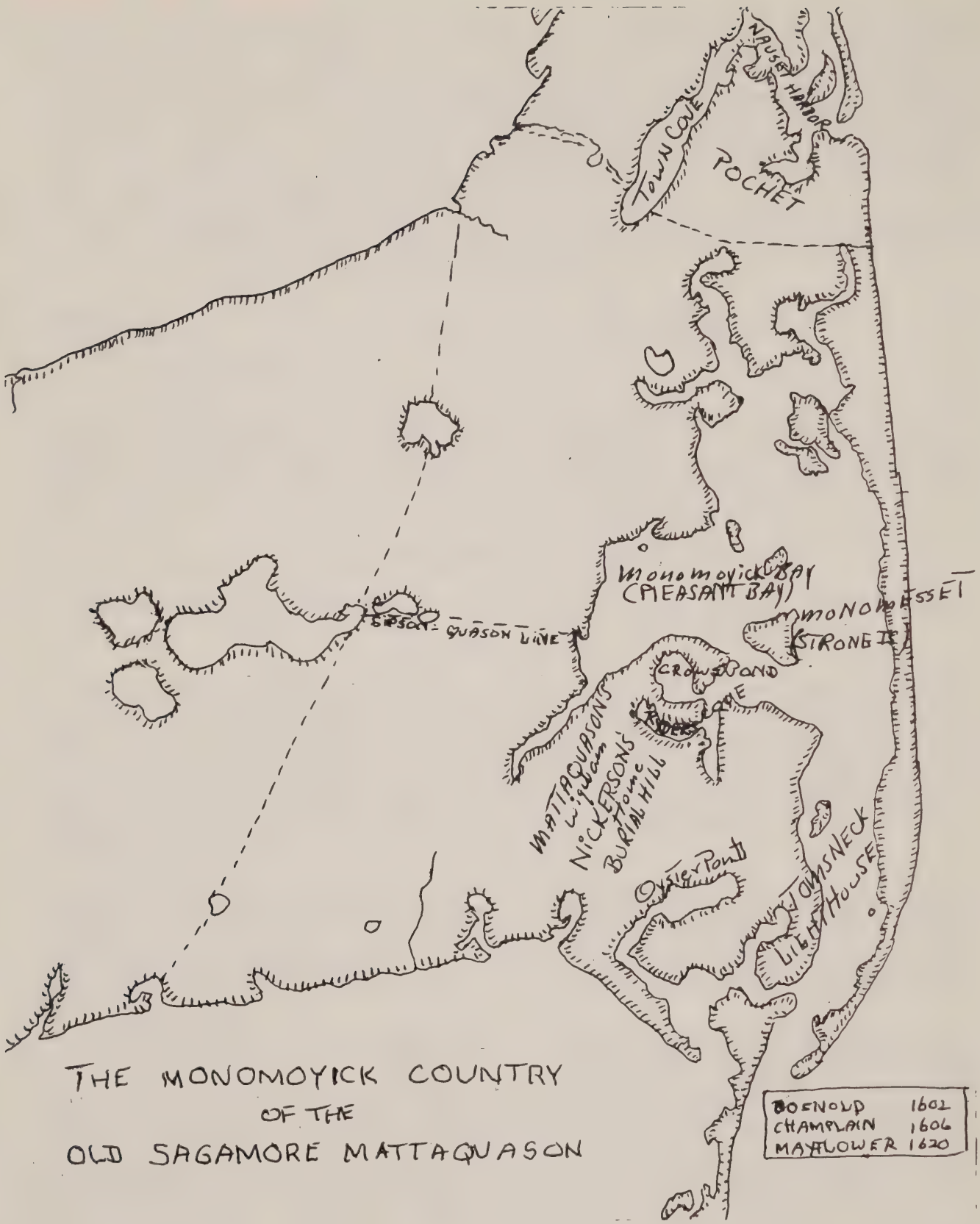
1657 William Nickerson, giving the facts about their return and stay in Boston: "My wife came to Boston the 1st of March 1657 and my wife did sarves to hur father and mother till the later end of August following, and then hur father departed this life. And since their fathers death, my wife have done sarves to her mother daily and watching with them in the night, as their necessities called for untell hur mother departed this life; which was in July last 1660. All which time my wife did sarve to her father and mother, and the time being somed up it contains three years and four months or there aboute".

1661/2 Prior to January 5, 1661/2 William Nickerson was back in Yarmouth with his family. Probably his older sons had been keeping his farm going for him in his absence. On November 27, he sold his Boston property to Phillip Gibbs for 150 pounds. Apparently William did not thrive in the environment of a city, and I think he passed this reaction along to his descendants in full measure.

He acted on the assumption that he had right to the land, as appears by the deed to his daughter Elizabeth — "Elizabeth Eldred" — forty acres of upland and ten acres of meadow at the "Oyster Pond Furlong", out of the purchase he had made in 1656 of Sagamore Mattaquason at Monomoy. This was probably the first deed ever executed of land in Chatham, Massachusetts.

The First Deed of Monomoit Lands Ever Executed (Covenants Omitted)

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, know ye that I, William Nickerson of Yarmouth in ye jurisdiction of New Plymouth in New England for divers good causes and considerations, here unto moving have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto my daughter Elizabeth Eldred fourty acres of upland and ten acres of meadow lands out of ye lands that I purchased by ye Indian Sagamore Mattaquason at Monomoy and there about, part of ye lands lying and



THE MONOMOYICK COUNTRY
OF THE
OLD SAGAMORE MATTAQUASON

being by a swamp near to ye Oyster pond forlonge; And ye rest of ye lands to be laid out as convenient as may be for their use. To have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever by these presents have given and granted, aliened, enfeoffed, set over and confirmed unto ye sd Elizabeth Eldred, her heirs and assigns for ever, all that part of upland and meadow lands lying and being as above sd with all ye priviledges and appeerces unto ye same above sd meadows and uplands belonging and all ye estate, right, title, interest, properties, use, possessions, claim and demandent soever of him ye said William Nickerson in or to ye same or any part of pcel thereof. To have and to hold ye sd pcels of uplands and meadow parts modities in and by these presents given and granted in and by these presents expressed to be given and granted unto ye sd Elizabeth Eldred and her heirs for ever————
I witness whereof ye sd William Nickerson has hereunto set his hand and seal ye fifteenth day of January in ye thirteenth year of ye Reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty one.

Signed sealed and delivered
In ye presents of us
Sarah Nickerson
William Nickerson, Junr

William Nickerson
and his (seal) seal

The 17 January 1682 ye above named William Nickerson senr made his appearance and acknowledged this above written to be his act and deed.
And likewise hath given unto ye sd Elizabeth Eldred, to her and her heirs and assigns forever liberty to feed cattel in ye other of his lands according to proportions before me.

John Freeman assistant

Examined and duly compared with ye original and entered ye 25th July 1695.

The above and within written is a true copy as appears of record compared. 2nd book foli 14.
Pr me John Thacher, Regr. (A)

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The land deed to Elizabeth Eldred, daughter of William Nickerson, was only a part of the thousands of acres he had purchased, beginning about 1656, from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason, who had accepted in pay cows, cloth, wampum, and other trade goods. Together they staked out the metes and bounds, some of which are landmarks to this day; but the Sagamore could give no written deed because the Plymouth real estate operators had passed a law that no Indian could sell property without the consent of the Colony. Nickerson claimed that the land was the Indian's to do with as he saw fit, but it took him twenty years and a substantial kick-back to the speculators before Mattaquason was allowed to set his hand to a deed.

Regardless of the law, the settler moved in and built his cabin in the field across the highway to the south of the present Christopher Ryder House in Chathamport. According to tradition, the Old Sagamore's lodge stood a short distance to the north. They were about of an age; and here these two old men, the red man and the white, lived out their days as good friends and neighbors, always carrying out their word-of-mouth agreements as man to man despite the shenanigans of the political landsharks in Plymouth.

The Old Sagamore went to his Happy Hunting Ground during the winter of 1682/3, followed in a few years by the old pioneer. Mattaquason left a son Towsowet, alias John Quason, and three daughters known to our forefathers as Cussen's Squaw, Old Skinnicut's Wife, and Sarah. He had already deeded the Neck where Chatham Light stands to Cussen's Squaw, Old Skinnicut's Wife, a large tract in South Harwich around the pond which still bears the name of her husband, and to Sarah what is known as Old Harbor, in Chatham. The remainder of his land fell to Towsowet. My father, Warren Jensen Nickerson, was born on the north side of Round Cove in East Harwich in the original Wequassett House which stands on land that has never been out of our family since it was bought of Towsowet.

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1663 July 4, 1663 William Nickerson presented a petition to the Plymouth Colony Court for permission to settle a township at Monomoyick, now Chatham.

1664 In the spring of this year, William Nickerson, The Immigrant, being then about sixty years old but still physically and mentally rugged, left the comparatively settled community of Yarmouth and with his wife, all of his children except Nicholas, and his goods and cattle, struck out into the then unbroken wilderness of Monomoick. His house spot is in the valley northwest of the head of Ryder's Cove in Chathamport, just above the Spring-hole northest of the electric light transformer.

Although the title of his land was in dispute with the Colonial Authorities and continued to be for many years longer, he must have been reasonably confident that eventually it would come clear, because his sons and daughters cleared farms and built homes of their own on his purchase. There were Robert, Anne, Elizabeth, Samuel, John, Sarah and William and possibly others. These were the first settlers there.

1665 This year he purchased a large tract of land on the west side of Pleasant Bay (the Old Monomoyick Bay of the Indian), where I was born and where my father, grandfather and great grandfather were born and lived out their lives. Because of his trouble at this particular time, he never secured title to this tract except from the Indians. Josiah Cooke purchased the same land of other Indians and his title was cleared, but by the marriage of Cooke's grandchildren to those of Nickerson, it came into the Nickerson family finally. My Nick Shack on the west shore of Pleasant Bay stands on this land to-day.

1672 2 In order to obtain clear title to the lands he had purchased from the Quason Indians, William finally brought suit in the March Court against Sagamore Mattaquason for withholding the deeds. The Old Sagamore and the Immigrant lived peaceably side by side, the chief's wigwam standing only a short distance from the cabin of the settler, and apparently this suit made no change in their amicable relation. Evidently it brought the long standing misunderstanding to a head, because soon afterward not only were the Indian deeds secured, but a payment of 90 pounds to the Royal Grantees, the clouded title became clear, and he was free to dispose of it as he saw fit.

1674 Now that the Indian title to the land was extinguished and his title from the British Crown was legally established, he transferred the title of forty acres of upland and ten acres of meadow to each of his children, undoubtedly they having already built and lived on their farms all through the Court proceedings, and helped to defray the expenses and costs of securing the titles. His daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Eldred, had her farm just north of the Oyster Pond, Anne, the wife of Tristram Hedges, was located at Harding's Beach Neck, then known as Ragged Neck. Sarah who married Nathaniel Covell, built near the Spring at the head of Crow's Pond, while Samuel's house stood just north of it. Joseph's farm was where the late Osborn Nickerson place is, and John's was south of the Old Chatham Burial Ground near the late Stephen Emery's place. It is not clear where Robert located but I believe somewhere around the Head of Oyster Pond. My direct ancestor, William the Second, the namesake of the Immigrant, settled first near Samuel's, but soon removed to Cotch-pin-coote, now Old Harbor, where his descendants may still be found. Thus for over 20 years, William, the Immigrant, and his good wife, Anne, lived on their farm at Monomoyick, with all their children around them (except Nicholas who lived and died in Yarmouth). The Rev. Joseph Lord, early minister at Chatham, wrote in his diary that the Immigrant "in his lifetime, was ye father of ye place and ye inhabitants of it were his children, either by consanguinity or affinity, and he exercised as a teacher (i.e. religious teacher) among them."
For nearly twenty years hardly another family entered this domain and their settlement was more like a Clan than a New England township.

1675 He had trouble about his boundaries, which was brought before the Court June 1, of that year.

1678/9 March 29, 1678/9, and Aug. 16, 1681, he obtained other deeds of the Indians. With these he had purchased in all a domain of 4,000 acres within the present bounds of Chatham (Hawes #102)

LANDS PURCHASED BY
WILLIAM NICKERSON (1)
Adapted from The History of Chatham

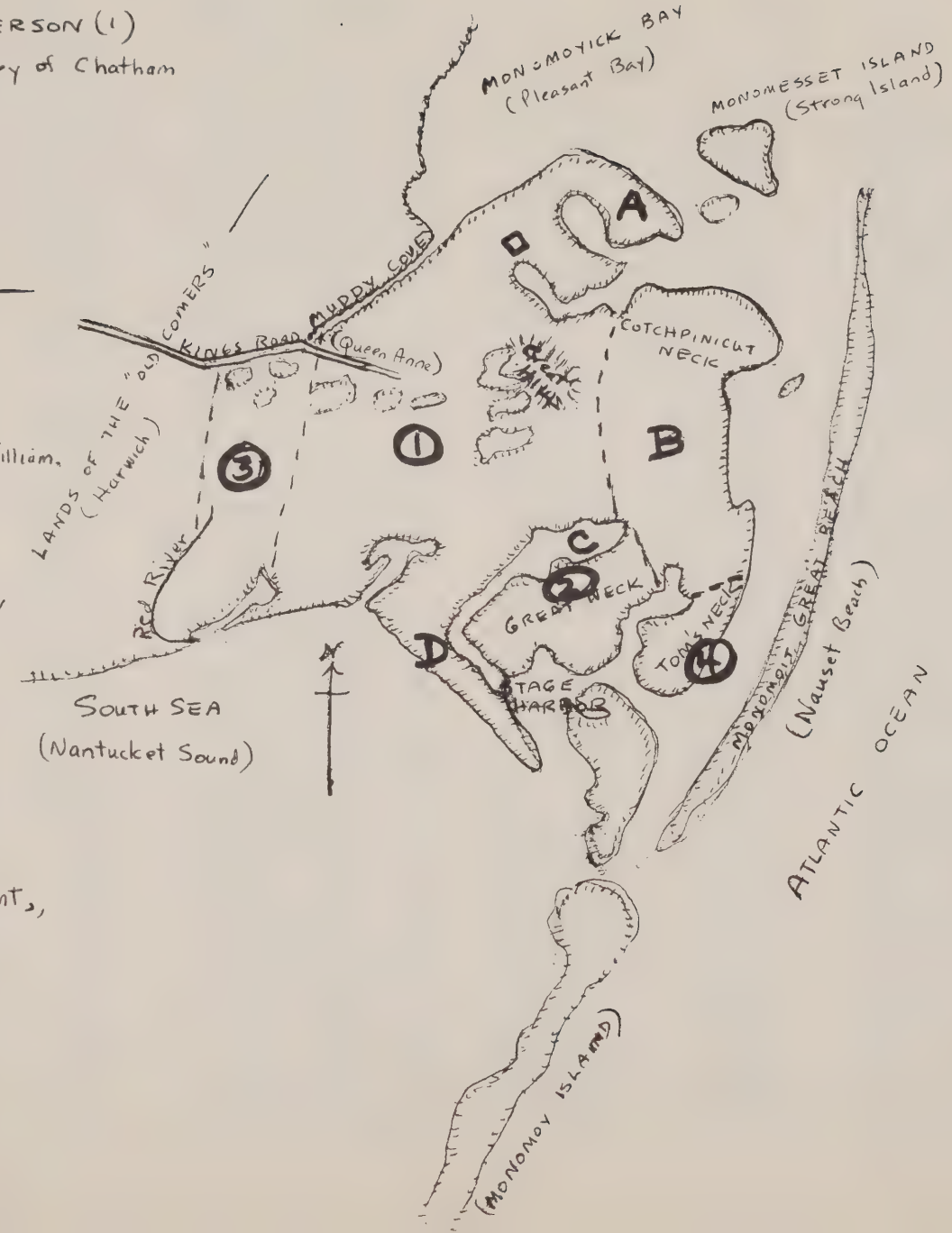
(1) Deed of 1672
(2) Deed of 1672
(3) Deed of 1679
(4) Deed of 1682

A. MONOMESSET NECK
(Nickerson's Neck)

B. Lands retained by the Indians. Not purchased by William.

C. OYSTER POND

D. RAGGED NECK
(Harding's Neck)



Present names, if different, are in parentheses.

1686 February 12, 1686 William the Immigrant conveyed to his daughter Sarah Covell, whose husband had died about four years previously, all his remaining property of every name and description. Evidently, the widow Covell, after her husband's death, had come to live with her father and mother, who were getting well along in years, and apparently this arrangement was made in repayment for an agreement that Sarah would live with and care for them during their remaining days. Probably her mother was already very poorly, because she passed away very soon after this time, apparently in the same year — about seventy-five years old. After his wife's death, the old man, realizing that his own days would be few in the land, and deeming that the management of his farm and large land holdings would be quite a task for his daughter Sarah who had a large family of children of her own, they jointly conveyed to his son William (the Second) an interest in all the lands purchased or improved, save only his home farm to which Sarah retained sole title. The Neck of Land known as Monomesset, where the Naval Station stood in World War I, including Great Point up as far as Crow's Pond was deeded in fee simple to William (Second).

1689/90 Having set his house in order, the sturdy old pioneer passed away sometime between August 30, 1689, and September 8, 1690, the exact date being, so far, unknown. He was about 86 years old, and was buried on the little hill just south of his house, by the side of his beloved wife. This burial plot, as laid out by William Nickerson, the Immigrant, himself, was later deeded to the town of Chatham by his daughter Sarah.

Thus passed a man of intelligence, education and great energy and strength of will. The difficulties of planting a frontier settlement in the wilderness would have appeared insuperable to most men of sixty. His indomitable will and perseverence were exemplified in the spirit with which he fought through the Courts to final victory to acquire undisputed title to his lands. His expressed principle was: "For I desire not to wrong any man of his just rights, nor would I be wronged myself."

"A record of the bounds that was laid out by Mr. William Nickerson, Sr. deceased for a burying place, sd percall of land was alowed for that purpose forever and accordingly set out and allowed by Mrs. Sarah Covell, widow, the bounds as followeth: Bounded easterly upon a hay way that parts the land of Joseph Covell and the land that was Jeremiah Nickersons, the north bound is upon Joseph Covell tell it coms to the decent or brow of a hill as sd Joseph Covell dich now runs the wester bounds is upon the land that was emphraim Covell from dich to a rack lying on the Southers side of sd hill, the Souther bounds is upon sd emphraim land to the first specified hay way which is sd emphraims known bounds. The reng is one the brow of the hill as sd Joseph Covells renges one the other side." (Town Records 1715). When William Sr. died his daughter Sarah Covell was the sole owner of his home farm. (A)

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Through the years, the hill where our progenitor is supposedly buried has been called Burial Hill or Pleasant Hill, with a view from the top that is delightful, overlooking Ryder's Cove. The only slate gravestones now standing are those of several members of the Ryder family.

A memorial tablet to honor William Nickerson, founder of the beautiful town of Chatham, at the elbow of Cape Cod, was placed there in 1915 by the Honorable William Emery Nickerson of the 9th generation with the inscription of his lineage. He organized the Nickerson Family Association, at Chatham, on Saturday, June 19, 1897.

At the Chatham town hall there are letters written in 1924, by William Emery Nickerson, concerning funds for the memorial.

Ruby Nickerson (Ryder) Sears

EARLY CAPE COD TOWNS

SANDWICH, the oldest town, was settled in 1637 and incorporated in 1639. The history of this town embraces 48 years preceding the formulation of Barnstable County. It technically included the town of BOURNE, which was also settled in 1637 but was not incorporated until 1884.

BARNSTABLE, the County seat, originally laid out in 1639, was incorporated in the same year. It has remained nearly the same. When the Court House burned in 1827, many valuable records were lost.

YARMOUTH became a permanently authorized settlement and was incorporated in 1639. Records of this town were burned in 1677, destroying 40 years of early accounts. It originally included a small part of Barnstable until 1641, a small edge of Brewster (then Sautucket), and the town of DENNIS, which was incorporated in 1793.

HARWICH was settled in 1653 and incorporated in 1694. It originally encompassed the whole territory from Cape Cod Bay south to the Sound, and from Yarmouth (now Dennis) easterly to Eastham, Pleasant Bay and Monomoit (now Chatham). In 1772 the southeast area (now South Orleans) was set off to Eastham. The North Precinct was incorporated as the town of BREWSTER in 1803.

CHATHAM — Indian name Monomoyick or Monomoit (various spellings) — was settled by William Nickerson in 1656 and established as a constablewick in 1679. The town was incorporated and named Chatham in 1712.

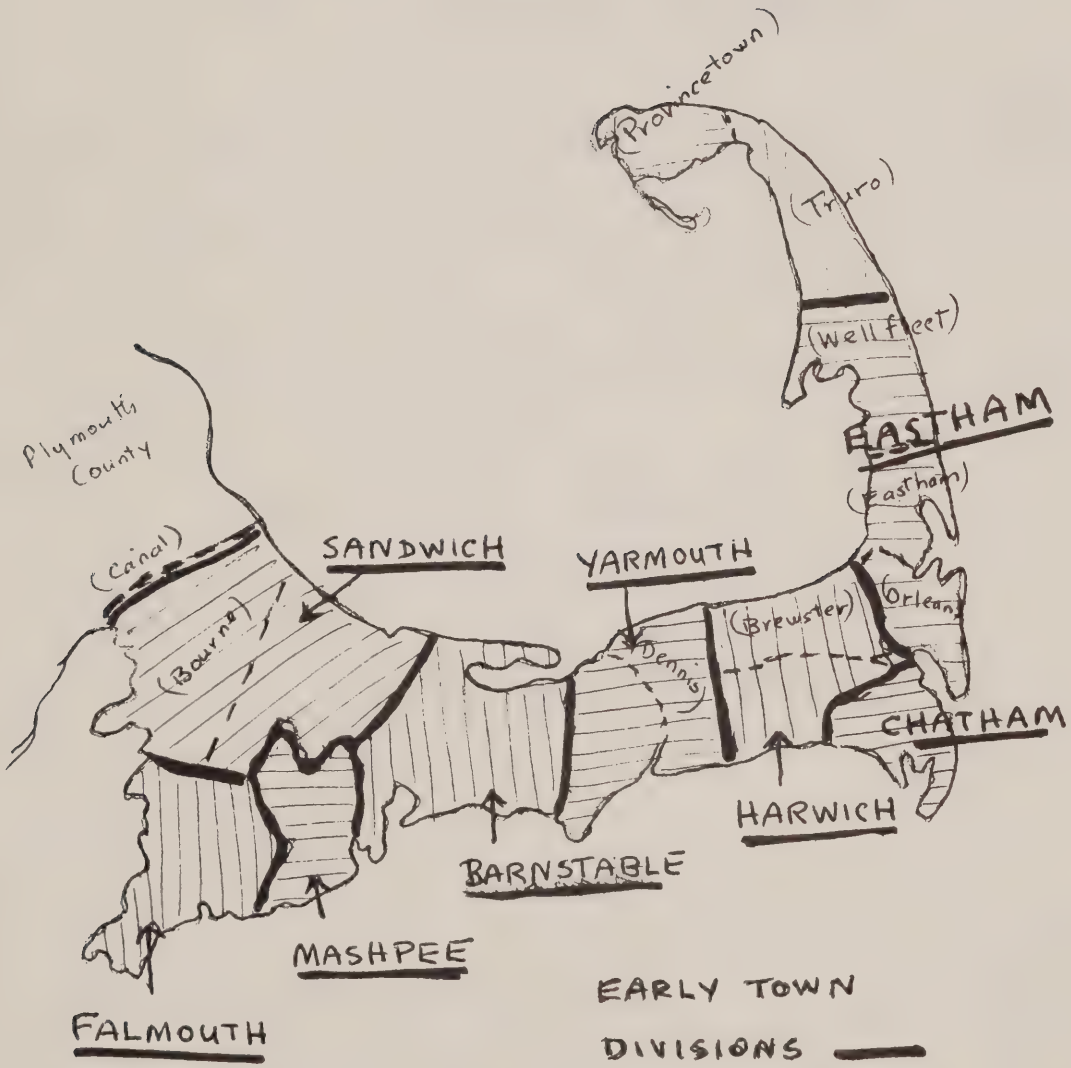
EASTHAM, originally called Nauset, was officially settled in 1644 and was incorporated in 1646. It included the present towns of EASTHAM, WELLFLEET which was incorporated in 1763, and ORLEANS, incorporated in 1797.

PROVINCETOWN, The Cape Tip, was inhabited in 1700 and settled as a village about 1714 when a municipal government was established. It was incorporated as a town in 1727.

TRURO, originally called Pamet, was sparsely settled in 1670. It was incorporated as a town in 1709 although some records commenced in 1700.

MASHPEE, an Indian community, was constituted a separate "plantation" in 1763, and was subject to a government by commissioners. In 1834 it was incorporated as a district, and as a town, in 1870.

FALMOUTH, the southernmost section extending north to Sandwich (now Bourne), was settled by official permission in 1661, and received full incorporation as a township in 1686.



EARLY TOWN DIVISIONS

CAPE COD - BARNSTABLE COUNTY

THE DESCENDANTS
OF
WILLIAM NICKERSON

PART I

The first four generations
and
vital statistics of the fifth generation

THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND

THOMAS NICKERSON, born in Norwich, England, about 1515, was a plaintiff in Chancery in 1568; was buried at St. John's Timberhill, Norwich, February 25, 1584-5. He married MARGARET RUDD, daughter of Richard of Norwich; issue, a son:

THOMAS NICKERSON, born about 1542; was of St. John's Timberhill from 1567 to 1569, and was of St. Peter's Permontergate 1569 to 1600 and was buried there September 23, 1600. He married ALICE ———, who appears on St. John's Timberhill register 26 March 1567; was buried at St. Peter's Permontergate 6 June 1596; his son:

WILLIAM NICKERSON, baptized at St. Peter's Permontergate December 15, 1571; was taxed in St. Etheldred's Parish, Norwich on January 13, 1604-5. He was admitted a freeman December 8, 1620, and took his two sons, William and Richard, as apprentices in his business of tailoring on April 28, 1621. He died probably a few years later. No record of a will has been found, and the registers of St. Etheldred are lost; his son:

WILLIAM NICKERSON, born about 1604, was founder of the family in America, founder of the Town of Chatham, Massachusetts, and is #1 in this genealogy.

1. WILLIAM NICKERSON, born 1604, Norwich, England, son of William and Alice (____) Nickerson; died between 30 August 1689 and 8 September 1690 at Monomoit, Mass., and is buried at Burial Hill, now Chatham Port, Mass.

He married about 1627 ANNE BUSBY, born 1607-08 in Norwich; daughter of Nicholas and Bridget (Cocke) Busby; died after 18 May 1686 at Monomoit and is probably buried near William. William was a tailor apprentice to his father in 1621 and was admitted a worsted weaver and freeman in Norwich 18 May 1632. He and his family sailed from Yarmouth, England, 15 April 1637 on the ship John and Dorothy, arriving at Salem, Mass., 20 June 1637. Where the family lived for a few years is not known, but in 1641 they moved to Yarmouth, Mass. He first bought land at Monomoit from the Indian Sagamore Mattaquason in 1656 and a few years later, moved from Yarmouth with his children's families to begin the settlement of the present Chatham in the area which is now Chatham Port.

NOTE: A detailed account of his life, his affairs and his land acquisitions is given in an introductory chapter.

Children:
For the first five, baptism dates, Norwich, are given:

2. Nicholas, 10 August 1628.
3. Elizabeth, 1 January 1629-30.
4. Robert, 27 November 1631.
5. Thomas, 10 January 1633-4.
6. Anne, 7 May 1635.
7. Samuel, born about 1638 in New England.
8. John, born about 1640 in New England.
9. Sarah, born about 1644, Yarmouth, Mass.
10. William, born June 1646, Yarmouth.
11. Joseph, born December 1647, Yarmouth.

References: A. B. C. D.

2. NICHOLAS 2 NICKERSON (William 1), baptized 10 August 1628 at St. Peter's Permontergate, Norwich, England; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died at Yarmouth, Mass., 26 March 1681-2. His estate was settled 31 October 1682.

He married 1st _____, possibly a daughter of William Bassett. The Burgess Genealogy (Y) says that he married, as first wife, Esther Bassett, daughter of William, about 1655 at Yarmouth. However we find no record of a daughter of William Bassett named Esther, or of any other daughter listed as having married a Nickerson. We do note that the first two children are named Esther and William, and the third, Elizabeth, which was the name of a Bassett daughter who married Thomas Burgess, Jr. Further search may disclose records of a daughter, Esther.

He married 2nd MARY DARBY, born about 1644; daughter of John and Alice (_____) Darby; died 16 March 1705-6 at Yarmouth. We find accounts (A) (D)(I) (P) which suggest that Nicholas had but one wife, Mary. The Darby Family Record (H) indicates that Mary, born about 1644, was too young to have had all of Nicholas' children, and lists only the last five as born of her. She outlived Nicholas by a good many years and the division of her estate, proved 16 April 1706, includes all of the sons, and husbands of the married daughters.

Nicholas was the only one of William's children who did not choose to move with the family from Yarmouth to pioneer in the untrodden lands of Monomoit. He lived his life in Yarmouth and all his children were born there. William had finally accumulated 4000 acres of land and deeded generous tracts of uplands and meadow lands to his wife and all his children — except Nicholas.

A typical incident of the times — from the record: "5 July 1667; Att this Court, Nicholas Nickerson was detected before the Court by 2 witnesses for speaking of some approbrious speeches

against Mr. Thomas Thornton, in saying that the said Mr. Thornton said, that if a man have not of his owne to pay towards the minnesters maintenance, hee must borrow it of his naighbor the said Nickerson alsoe affirmed that a certain sermon the said Mr. Thornton taught was halfe of it lyes; hee, the said Nickerson, acknowledging before the Court that hee hath done him wronge in soe saying, and engaging that hee would publickly acknowledge his fault therein, likewise in that behalfe, was released, and his fault passed by." (B)

Children, born at Yarmouth:

By first wife —

12. Hester (Esther), October 1656.
13. William, 12 January 1658.
14. Elizabeth, December 1662.

By second wife, Mary —

15. John, 10 September 1664.
16. daughter, died October 1667. No further information.
    "30 October 1667 Yarmouth. In the yeare 67 upon the 14th day of October, wee whose names are hereunder written, being warned of authoritee to view the corpes lately deceased viz; the child of Nicarson, have found in the windpipe of the child a pece of pumpkin shell; the which wee, being all and every one of us agreed, doe judge that it was the cause of death." (B)
17. Mary, July 1668.
18. Sarah, 1 May 1674.
19. Patience, 3 April 1682.

References: A. B. vol. 4 C. D. E. vol. 2,3 F. vol. 2 G. H. vol. 79 I. P.

3. ELIZABETH 2 NICKERSON (William1), baptized 1 January 1629-30 at St. Peter's Permontergate, Norwich, England; daughter of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died at Monomoit, Mass., before 3 May 1706 when her property division was recorded.

She married at Yarmouth, Mass., in October 1649 ROBERT ELDRED (ELDREDGE) of Plymouth, Mass. He died at Monomoit in 1682.

In 1639 Robert entered into a contract of service (as was the custom for boys of that day) with Nicholas Simpkins and Thomas Prence, "the latter to pay him four pounds per annum and a ewe goat at the end of his term . . . . and ten shillings more claimed by Robert". He was listed to bear arms in 1643 in Plymouth where he lived until he went to Yarmouth about 1645. There he married Elizabeth. He was constable in 1657. The family later moved and lived on a farm north of Oyster Pond in what is now West Chatham on part of the property deeded to Elizabeth by her father.

The first estate inventory on record in Monomoit was that of Robert's estate and was typical of the average citizen of that early time. "His live stock consisted of 2 horses, 20 cows, 2 steers, one pair of oxen, 6 2-year old heifers, 2 three-year olds, 3 yearling calves, 29 sheep, 12 hogs and 17 shoats. He had 4 hives of bees, 3 barrels of tar, an old saddle, 7 old casks, a plow and irons, sickle, pitchfork" and other farm tools. Inside the house were earthen and pewter dishes, an assortment of iron and wooden kitchen utensils, an hour glass, andirons, a spit, brass scales, sieves, kneeding troughs, churn, bellows, a wool wheel, a linen wheel and defense weapons — a back sword and a fowling piece. The inventory of his entire estate was valued at 316 pounds. (A)

The first property deed in Chatham was executed in January 1661-2 when William turned over Elizabeth's farm to her. Elizabeth as a widow, signed an agreement with her daughters Hannah and Martha, 16 July 1695, to share the property with their sister Bridget after her death. This was recorded as a will 3 May 1706.

Children — surname ELDREDGE:

i Nicholas, born 18 August 1650, at Yarmouth, Mass.; married Elizabeth_____; died by drowning 30 April 1702. Widow was living in April 1713.

ii. Mary; married John SMITH 30 November 1668, Eastham, Mass; had a daughter, Mary.
iii. Robert; removed to Duck Creek (now Smyrna), Kent County, Delaware in 1711; died 5 October 1732. It is not known if he married. (See #34)
iv. Hannah; unmarried in 1695; residence unknown, but "at a distance".
v. Martha; unmarried in 1695, and "living at a distance".
vi. William; married 2nd on 30 January 1706-07 Sarah (NEWCOMB) CONANT, born about 1670, daughter of Andrew 2 (Andrew 1) and Sarah Newcomb of Kittery, Maine, and widow of Capt. Joshua Conant who lived in Truro and Eastham, Mass. All her children were by Joshua. William died April or May 1749.
vii. Joseph; married Elizabeth JONES, daughter of Teague. His estate was administered 24 September 1735.
viii. Bridget; married William LONG 17 May 1714 at Harwich, Mass.; was living in 1735.
ix. Samuel; married Elizabeth HEDGES before 1694. He probably went to Duck Creek, Delaware in 1711.

References: A. B. C. D. E. vol. 2 F. vol. 5 I. (Eldredge Family) J.

At Monomoit, the years between 1664 and 1672 must have been arduous and cheerless for the first tiny group of settlers. The forest areas, in some places "wooded to the brink of the Sea",* and wild, dense thickets that had to be cleared away are rather hard to imagine now. Present day old-timers will tell you that if you take a small dirt road from Wellfleet to Truro you can see, toward the Bay, a stretch of tangled thicket which remains today as it was then. In those days Monomoit was heavily wooded with huge oaks, cedars and pines. The original forests were eventually so depleted that the sands of Great Hill threatened to bury the town. In 1821 Chatham embarked on a reforestation program of planting beach grass and pines to hold down the sand.

Quite isolated from the other Cape colonists, William and his children's families were the only white and English-speaking inhabitants in that neighborhood — and relatively few others joined them in twenty-five years. Fortunately they maintained cordial relationships with their Monomoic Indian neighbors, which "reflects the charity of the Indians at least as much as their own benevolence".*

Their tiny cabin homes were sparsely furnished — a table, benches, perhaps a chair, and bunk beds in the loft. Lacking glass, the windows were covered with oiled paper and boarded up in the winter. They suffered much in the harsh, alien environment of bleak weather when icy gales and violent storms swept in from the sea.

The obligations of the women were heavy and constant. From what nature could provide they made many of the basic necessities. Responsibility for clothing the family meant spinning wool and flax, weaving and dying materials, and hand-tailoring the garments. Making soap and a winter store of candles was accompanied by the stale reek of tallow, grease, suet, and wood ash. For healing and administering to the sick, they prepared bitters, salves, poultices and antiseptics from plants and herbs. Butter, cheese and bread had to be made, and large cuts of meat cooked. There was considerable strain in lugging the huge iron pots that hung on the fireplace crane, and sometimes the wife weighed little more than the pots! Aside from church meeting, gatherings to do domestic tasks were the only occasions for female sociability. The women, carrying their gear, would meet at a neighbor's house to do their spinning, knitting, sewing, or even the paring of vegetables.

Although such luxuries as individual eating utensils, other than wooden spoons, were lacking, they did not lack for good food to put on the table. The ocean yielded a great variety of sea foods, on the land "there grew many fine vines, and fowl and deer haunted there; there grew much sassafras (of great home and commercial value for medicines) . . . . many walnut trees full of nuts, and a great store of strawberries . . ."* Soon the farms provided meat, milk, grain and vegetables.

As the tasks of the women were manifold, so were those of the men. "The difficulties attending the first settlement may be easily imagined — the felling of trees, the hewing of timber, the framing of the rude cottage, its slow construction, and then the bringing of the household goods over the Indian trail from Yarmouth. It was a large undertaking for a man of sixty winters . . ." (A) They tilled and prepared farm lands and meadows for produce and live stock, and cleared paths and cartways to the shores and other settlements.

Soon the village was subject to Colony supervision and they were required to perform the village organiational duties and specific obligations to the Colony. They held local offices, served as jurymen and representatives to the Court, settled land disputes and local differences, preached the sermons and took care of schooling the children at home.

William seems to have arranged for each of his children to have several parcels of land — upland, meadow and areas near the water — to take care of their various needs in farming, grazing, fishing, washing and transportation.

* From Mourt's Relation — Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, 1627. Reprint 1963.

4. ROBERT 2 NICKERSON (William1), baptized 27 November 1631 at St. Peter's Permontergate, Norwich, England; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died before 5 April 1710 according to a deed of that date from Job Cole to his daughter, Rebecca, and Robert Nickerson.

   He married REBECCA COLE, born 26 August 1654 at Eastham, Mass.; daughter of Job and Rebecca (Collier) Cole; death date not known, but she was recorded as living in 1710, a widow.

   Robert took the oath of office of fidelity at Yarmouth, Mass. in 1657. Soon thereafter he moved to the Red River area of Monomoit where he served as grandjuryman, surveyor and constable. His father deeded to him 40 acres of upland east of Great Hill, 10 acres of meadow on Ragged Neck, and 20 acres on Stage Neck. There was no settlement of his estate recorded.

   In February 1696 a town meeting was held to choose officers. "At the same meeting it was ordered that all the householders of Monomoit should kill 12 blackbirds or 3 crows and bring the heads to the selectmen on pain of forfeiting 6 shillings this to be done by the middle of the next May. . . . This order was repeated and renewed by the town many times in subsequent years. It was a common regulation in those days for the protection of farmers." Robert was among those who did not comply. "The defective persons were ordered to clear the way to the water mill at Satucket (Brewster) and the way to Nauset (Eastham) and the selectmen were to discount out of their fines so much as their labor amounted to. These roads, the present Brewster and Orleans roads at East Harwich, were not in the limits of Monomoit but this seems to have made no difference." (A)

   Child:
   20. Robert.

   It is possible that there was another son, Samuel, but we find no authenticating information about him.

   References: A. D. E. vol. 4 F. vol. 17 K. L. M.

5. THOMAS 2 (William1), baptized 10 January 1633-34. Died in infancy; buried 21 February 1633-34 in Norwich, England; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson.

6. ANNE 2 NICKERSON (William1), baptized 7 May 1635 at St. Peter's Permontergate, Norwich, England; daughter of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died at Monomoit, Mass., between 27 October 1680 and 1 March 1681.

   She was married "20, 10th month (Dec.) 1637-8" in Boston, Mass., by Gov. John Endicott to TRISTRAM HEDGES; he died after 28 March 1710.

   Anne and Tristram both arrived from England on June 20, 1637, at Salem, Mass., and were married six months later in Boston. They moved first to Yarmouth, Mass., and then to Monomoit where her father deeded them a farm between Oyster Pond River and Buck's Creek on Ragged Neck (now Harding Neck) in West Chatham. The deed was dated 24 February 1673-4.

Tristram and Anne took in and cared for a "destitute" infant, Sarah Nesfield, who was orphaned when her father, John, was killed in "Capt. Pierses Fight" in December 1675. "27 Oct. 1680; In reference unto a poor orphan named Sarah Nesfield . . . . soe as it is recouered of his weakes and forlorne condition, it being about six year old att the date heerof, the said Trustram Hedgis and Anne, his wife, haveing bine att some considerable charge and trouble in the keeping of her (about 5 years) and requesting some satisfaction for the same, the Court doe allow vnto them of fiue pound; the said naighbourhood of Mannamoiet to pay vnto the said Hedgis the sum of three pounds of the said fiue pound in good currant country pay and the remaining forty shillings to be payed by the Treasurer."

"1 March 1680-81: In reference vnto a poor orphan named Sarah Nesfield, being in the custody of Trustram Hedgis, the Court doth order that the town of Mannamoiet doe prepare and prouide a fitt place for the said child, and remove it thervnto; and the Court doth free them from the payment of the three pound which was ordered them to pay the said Hedgis for and towards the keeping of it." (B) Before the date of this last entry, Anne had died at the age of 45.

Children — surname HEDGES:

i. Grace, born 20 August 1659 at Boston; died there 4 January 1660.

ii. Elizabeth; married before 14 September 1694 Samuel ELDREDGE. Part of William's land at Ragged Neck was deeded to Elizabeth Eldredge 14 September 1694. However she and Samuel executed a deed of land situated at Monomoit 6 June 1711, and probably then went to Duck Creek (now Smyrna), Delaware, with other families who emigrated in 1711.

iii. Dinah, probably their daughter, born 1662-3; married Capt. Joseph HARDING, born 8 July 1667; son of Joseph and Bethiah (Cook) Harding of Eastham, Mass. She died 28 January 1738-9 at age 76. He died early in 1745.

References: A. B. vol. 6 D. O.

7. SAMUEL 2 NICKERSON (William1), born 1638, was the first child of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson to be born in America — place not known; died before 17 August 1719, the date his estate inventory was taken.

He married about 1660 MARY BELL, daughter of John Bell who moved from Sandwich, Mass., to West Harwich, Mass. She outlived Samuel and was appointed administrator of his estate 3 September 1719; her death date not known.

Samuel first built a house and settled in Monomoit on land between Crow's Pond and Ryder's Cove which was deeded to him by his father on 12 February 1673-4, along with 6 acres of upland near Oyster Pond. In 1696 he made a transaction with William Cahoon in which he exchanged his Monomoit property for land in Harwich which included a dwelling. The family took residence there, and were the first Nickersons to settle in that town. The property there was in the area of Coy's Brook, east of Bell's Neck, and extending nearly to the present Bank Street in Harwich Port.

A vignette of those times, from the record — "3 June 1668; In reference unto a complaint of Thomas Howes, the late constable of Yarmouth, against William Nickerson, Sr., Nathaniel Covell, Samuel Nickerson, Joseph Nickerson, and William Nickerson, Jr., for affronting him in the execution of his office, the court sentences them all to sitt in the stocks during the pleasure of the court." This was accordingly performed — "but whereas William Nickerson, Sr. was the leader he was to find securities and was released upon good behaviour until next court in October." (B)

Children — probably born at Chatham:

21. A daughter, mentioned in John Bell's estate, but name not given. It could have been Mary.

22. Samuel, born 1684.

23. Nicholas.

References: A. B. D. E. vol. 3 N.

8. JOHN 2 NICKERSON (William1), born about 1640 in New England; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died between 1 March and 11 May 1714, probably at Yarmouth; buried in Chatham, Mass.

He married about 1665 SARAH WILLIAMS, born at Eastham, Mass.; daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tart, Tate) Williams of Eastham. She is presumed to have died before John, in Chatham. Their house in Monomoit stood between White's Pond and Emery's Pond, just south of Old Queen Anne Road, and his father provided for him additional properties as he did for all his children, except Nicholas, who remained in Yarmouth.
John's lands were located at Oyster Pond, Stage Neck and Buck's Creek. In the division of common land, he received a lot in East Harwich. He appears to have died intestate, but his property was somehow conveyed to his sons, who were recorded as involved with the boundary settlements in 1714.

Sarah received a share in her father's estate, and her son, William, received 1 shilling. The will of her father, Thomas Williams, was written 10 May 1692 and proved 22 October 1696.

Children, all born at Chatham:
24. Sarah.
25. William.
26. John.

Note: Judith Nickerson, who married Nathaniel Covell, could have been a daughter, as thinks J. W. Hawes (I), although she is otherwise taken to be the daughter of William (2) and is so classified here.

We have not identified any other children.

References: A. D. E. vol. 2 F. vols. 3, 31 P.

9. SARAH 2 NICKERSON (William1), born about 1644 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died after 1715.

She married NATHANIEL COVELL, son of Nathaniel of Chelmsford, Essex Co., England, between 15 January 1662 and 4 July 1663 at Yarmouth; he died before December 1687 when Sarah was recorded as his widow.

The History of Chatham states, "the exact year in which Nathaniel Covell died is not certain but it was not far from 1682, in which year Robert Eldredge, his brother-in-law (husband of Elizabeth) died. Both were in the prime of life and left large families".

Nathaniel, a saddler, arrived in Boston on 26 August 1653, from England. When he was yet a boy and his father lay dying, he agreed to serve Mr. Edward Winslow of Marshfield, Mass. until 7 years after his arrival in New England. For part of this period Mr. Winslow assigned him to his son-in-law, Peregrine White. For his service he was to receive "his passage over, his support, and 10 pounds in goods and commodities, 13 bushels of Indian corn, and a good double apparel at the end of his time". His employ over, he went to Yarmouth where he married Sarah. Soon afterward they moved to Monomoit and lived on land given to Sarah by her father, near Alewife River and Ryder's Cove. He was designated constable in 1674.

That Sarah was an able administrator must be assumed from the fact that she engaged in several land transactions. She sold parcels of her own property, and her father arranged that, at his death, the management of his entire domain should fall to her; and, as agreed, in 1687 she conveyed one half of all the real estate, excepting her father's home farm, to her brother, William. In 1699 she had retained one third of her share of the properties and divided them among her four sons.

Children — surname COVELL — born at Chatham:

i. Nathaniel, born 1665-70, Chatham; married 1st Judith NICKERSON (#31), March 1 or 5, 1696-7; married 2nd Kezia TUCK(e), probably TUCKER, recorded 16 May 1727. His will was proved 13 March 1746-7.

ii. William, born about 1673; married Sarah _____; died at Eastham, Mass. 18 January 1760 in the 87th year.

iii. Joseph, born about 1675; married 1st Lydia STEWART about 1700; married 2nd Hannah BASSETT 1 March 1703-4.

iv. Ephraim, born 1677-8; married 1st Mary or Mercy _____, who died 1 February 1727-8; married 2nd Mrs. Abigail ELLIS 4 February 1729-30; married 3rd Mrs. Mary TAYLOR of Chatham 20 September 1746. She survived him. His will was proved 10 September 1753.

v. probably Sarah, who married Benjamin PHILLIPS between 1696 and 1700.

vi. probably Elizabeth, who appears to have been the second wife of Jehosophat ELDREDGE. She settled on Monomessett (Nickerson's) Neck on Sarah Covel's farm.

References: A. D. F. vols. 3, 5, 15 I. Q. N-2.

10. WILLIAM 2 NICKERSON (William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., 1646; baptized at Barnstable, Mass. 1 June 1646; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; death date uncertain; his estate was proved 7 April 1719 at Chatham, Mass.

He married 30 November 1668 MERCY WILLIAMS, born at Eastham, Mass. about 1644; daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tate, Tart) Williams; died "7 (2) 1739" at Chatham between 90 and 95 years of age, leaving 157 descendants!

Before 1677, William Jr. owned a parcel of land east of Great Hill, Monomoit, and another lying southwest of the head of Ryder's Cove where he probably lived. But in 1689 he bought land at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) where he built a house and resided for some time. He took the oath of a freeman in 1690 and was a soldier in King Philip's War. As an active participant in village affairs, he served as grandjuryman, constable, inspector of whales, selectman, and was the first village treasurer and clerk. It is noted that he did not record his own family, and but few others.

In 1700, stimulated by the work of the minister, Mr. Jonathan Vickery, the village voted to "bild a meten hous of 20 and 2 foot floor and 13 foot in the wall". For this purpose they "made chose of Gorg Godfree and William Nicarson, Jr. to lok after and see the work be don and at the same meten the inhabetence ded agree with Edward Small to be the fore workman to get the tember and to frame the hous with the help of the inhabtance and the inhabbetance ded agree to take thare tornes and goo out with Edward Small and to get the tember two days a pece tell every man had took his torn." It was also agreed "that every man that had a teme should drag one lode to plase of the tember . . . and when the reat is made it shold be took from thar reat that had don the work and aded to them that had not took thar torn in doing the work". The building, roughly completed in 1701, had no shingles, clapboards or glass for the windows. There were no pews, but benches, for the men on one side, and women on the other side of the aisle. The oldest persons sat at the front, and others in the order of their ages. It was used for all village meetings — religious and secular.

Children, born at Monomoit:

27. William, born 1668-1676.
28. Thomas, about 1670.
29. Mercy (Mary).
30. Elizabeth.
31. Judith.
32. Nathaniel, 1680-81.
33. Robert, about 1684.

References: A. C. D. E. vol. 3 F. vols. 9, 31 L. N-2.

11. JOSEPH 2 NICKERSON (William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass. December 1647; christened 16 December 1647; son of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson; died between 1725 and 1731 in Harwich, Mass.

He married before 1677, probably at Yarmouth, RUHAMAH JONES, born about 1650; daughter of Teague Jones; died after 1735, when the town of Harwich was ordered to pay for her care in the home of John Eldredge.

Joseph went with his father to Monomoit where he lived on a tract of land his father conveyed to him north of Ryder's Cove. For several years he lived in East Harwich, but in 1697 he purchased 50 acres of land at Muddy Cove from Barnabas Lothrop for 25 pounds in silver. He took residence and remained there the rest of his life. He also owned Lots 6 and 16 in the Quason Purchase. Little is known about him, but he was reputed to be a quiet, peaceable man.

His wife, Ruhamah, apparently was one of the most colorful if not the most admirable of our ancestors! She was a "great beauty", but "of a disagreeable nature" and delighted in harassing others, so that both her Indian and white neighbors tried not to offend her. It is said that, if provoked, she would play havoc with their washing, their choice plants, and the fruits of their harvest. She was ready for an argument or a fight at any time. She was even suspected of complicity when Edward Bangs' barn was burned — after they had quarrelled. Upon subsequent trial, Ruhamah was said to be ill and unable to attend court. For Joseph, an adverse action regarding security for his wife would cause him to lose his estate and render them destitute for life. This affair was decided favorably after he petitioned for an abatement.

Ruhamah lived to a "great age", and had remained sitting for so many years that, at her death, it was thought best to bury her in "the same crooked position" — on Burial Hill, south of Ryder's Cove where many early Nickersons were buried.

His will — "Joseph Nickerson of Monamoy . . . . yeoman, for & in Consideration of my Real Love and Goodwill to my Natural son William Nickerson of Monamoy . . . yeoman, have Given . . . . unto him . . . all that my Percel of upland and meadow . . . on the Northerly Side of the Muddy Cove River in the Township of Harwich . . . Bounded (viz) Beginning at the South west Corner by a wallnut tree Marked Standing Near the Sd River from thence Runing Northerly to a red oak tree marked by a Slough of water from thence Easterly to Joshua Jethrowes Land then Southerly down to Sd River and So a long Sd River westerly to the first Specified bound: takeing in all the Meadow Ground and Sedge Ground with the upland & then Extending from Sd wallnut tree westerly takeing in all the Meadow and Sedge Ground So far as a point of upland that runs down Near to Sd River where a New fence Now stands to a Great pine tree there Marked Containing thirty acres more or less; with free Liberty for Cutting fire wood fenceing Stuff and Timber with Liberty of Herbage on all my undivided Land on that Side of Said River." — dated 5 November 1709. Signed with a mark. Witnessed by Joseph Higgins, Eben Hawes. Acknowledged the same day before Joseph Doane, justice of the peace. Recorded 11 July 1710 by William Bassett. "A true Copie Drawn & Compared this 23rd Day of Febry. me Solomon Otis Regr."

Children, all born in Harwich:

34. Jeremiah, about 1675.
35. William, about 1678.
36. Joseph, about 1682.
37. Josiah, about 1685.
38. John.

References: A. D. F. vols. 8, 15 N. R. vol. 40

12. HESTER 3 NICKERSON (Nicholas2, William1), born late October 1656 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of Nicholas and ——— Nickerson; died at Marshfield, Mass. 8 February 1702-03.

She married 2 February 1682 at Yarmouth, JONATHAN[3] WHITE; son of Peregrine[2] (William[1]) and Sarah (Bassett) White; born 4 June 1658 at Marshfield (birth was recorded by Jonathan in Yarmouth 18 May 1700); died at Yarmouth. His will was written 14 July 1736 and proved 22 February 1737.

The family lived in Marshfield at one time and owned land in Middleboro, Mass. However they setted in Yarmouth on Peregrine's farm by the brook which is still called White's Brook (1973).

Children — surname WHITE — according to Jonathan's will:

i. Esther; married 1st John JOYCE 7 November 1706-7; married 2nd John DRAKE; died before 14 November 1741.
ii. Jonathan; married Dorcas HAMBLIN December 1717.
iii. Elizabeth; unmarried in 1736.
iv. Ebenezer; married Marcy SMITH, int. 1 April 1727.
v. Mary; married James RUSSELL in August 1729.
vi. Joseph, born 1702; married Lydia BAKER 21 June 1737; died 4 June 1782 at age 80.
vii. Sarah; married Barnard LAMBERT 1741
viii. ———; married ——— DELL; had son, Jonathan Dell.

References: A. F. vol. 2; vol. 9 (Will of Jonathan White) S.

13. WILLIAM[3] NICKERSON (Nicholas[2], William[1]), born at Yarmouth, Mass. 12 January 1658; son of Nicholas and ——— Nickerson; death date not found; his will was signed in Harwich, Mass. 6 May 1713-14 and proved 27 January 1720-21.

He married 22 January 1690 at Eastham, Mass. MARY SNOW, born 30 November 1661 at Eastham; daughter of Lt. Mark and Jane (Prence) Snow (2nd wife); died after 1713.

The family first lived in Eastham and later in Harwich. William is said to have owned a whale boat — something of a distinction in those days.

As he wrote his will he stated that he was very sick and weak, and would leave his home and land in Skaket (Eastham) "for the improvement of my wife", and the rest of his sons Nicholas and Ebenezer, with dowers of 20 pounds each to his four daughters. A codicil dated 2 August 1718 indicated that daughter Mary had already received her dower.

Children:

39. Mercy, 17 March 1691-2, Eastham.
40. Nicholas, 19 March 1693-4, Eastham.
41. Ebenezer, 13 June 1697, Harwich.
42. Jane, 6 April 1699, Harwich.
43. Mary, 13 August 1701, Harwich.
44. Thankful, 26 July 1705, Harwich.

References: C. D. F. vol. 4 H. vol. 48 T. C-2.

14. ELIZABETH[3] NICKERSON (Nicholas[2], William[1]), born December 1662; daughter of Nicholas and ——— Nickerson; probably unmarried; was living in May 1706 when she was named in the will of her father's second wife, Mary (Darby) Nickerson.
No further information.

References: A. B. E.

15. JOHN[3] NICKERSON (Nicholas[2], William[1]), born at Yarmouth, Mass. 10 September 1664; son of Nicholas and Mary (Darby) Nickerson; died at Yarmouth 23 July 1745.

He was married 19 August 1696 at Yarmouth by John Thatcher, J.P., to ELIZABETH BAKER, born at Yarmouth about 1675; daughter of John and Alice (Pierce) Baker; died 5 January 1765.

John and Elizabeth lived in the section of Yarmouth which is now South Dennis. The house which he built there just before he died in 1745 still stands (1973) across from the South Dennis Congregational Church. Just across the way, on the north side of the Church, John's first house also still stands. Before he died he gave that house to his son, John, and left "my now dwelling house" to his son, Eleazer.

Children, all born at Yarmouth:

45. Elizabeth, 11 May 1699.
46. Mary, 12 June 1701.
47. John, 1 June 1703.
48. Patience, 15 April 1705.
49. Israel, "last day of March" 1709.
50. Tabatha, 15 June 1713.
51. Marcy, 22 November 1715-16.
52. Eleazer, 2 April 1718.

Note: Gershom, born 1709, probably was a twin of Israel and died in infancy. We find no other mention of him, and he was not named in his father's will.

References: A. C. D. E. Bk. 8 F. vol. 3 V. W.

16. (daughter)3 NICKERSON (Nicholas2, William1), daughter of Nicholas and _____ Nickerson; died in 1667, a child.

See Nicholas #2.

17. MARY 3 NICKERSON (Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass. the last week of July 1668; daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Darby) Nickerson; died 17 April 1746 and was buried at Harwich (now Brewster), Mass.

She married 27 August 1691 at Eastham, Mass., SIMON CROSBY, born 5 July 1665; son of Thomas and Sarah (_____) Crosby; died 19 January 1717-18 at Harwich (now Brewster), and is buried "behind the church". (Note: The present town of Brewster was part of the town of Harwich until 1803.)

Children — surname CROSBY — the first three born at Eastham, and the others born at Brewster:

i. Samuel, 11 July 1692; married 21 November 1717 Ruth COLE.
ii. Elizabeth, 15 September 1693; married 1 February 1715-16 Nathaniel ROGERS.
iii. Thomas, born 1697; married Experience_____; was admitted to the First Parish Church, Harwich, 20 October 1717.
iv. Nathaniel; married 1st Elizabeth SEARS, daughter of Paul, 10 February 1724-5; married 2nd Esther YOUNG, int. 19 February 1731; married 3rd Rebecca _____.
v. John, bapt. 13 April 1701; married Mary _____.
vi. Hannah, bapt. 30 January 1703-4.
vii. Daniel, bapt. 9 December 1705; married Ruth COLE 14 October 1731.
viii. Mercy, bapt. 4 May 1707.
ix. Ebenezer, bapt. 20 February 1708-09.
x. Moses, bapt. 11 June 1710; died 4 April 1718.
xi. Increase, bapt. 24 February 1711-12.
xii. Sarah; admitted to Brewster Church 29 January 1720-21.
xiii. Mary; married Thomas CROSBY, 6 October 1725.
xiv. Anne.
xv. Mercy; married, int. 26 January 1735-6, Jesse LEWIS.

References: D. F. vols. 4, 5, 6, 17 L. N. V. Z.

18 SARAH 3 NICKERSON (Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., 1 May 1674; daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Darby) Nickerson; died 4 February 1723.

She married about 1694 JOHN BURGESS of Yarmouth; son of John and Mary (Warden) Burgess; he died about 1723.

Children — surname BURGESS, born at Yarmouth:

i. Mary, born 25 December 1695; married Elnathan ELLIS 2 March 1715-16; died 3 June 1730.
ii. Elizabeth, born 12 October 1697; married Prince WIXON 1 April 1720.
iii. Joseph, born 9 July 1699; married Desire LUCE.
iv. Benjamin, born 3 May 1701; married Thankful NICKERSON (#44) 15 June 1727.
v. Samuel, born 3 February 1702-3; married 1st Elizabeth BURGESS 10 November 1726; married 2nd Mary TAYLOR; died 26 December 1753.
vi. Ezekiel, born 19 August 1705; married 1st Catherine BAKER 1 June 1732; married 2nd Sarah _____ 8 September 1736. He removed to Maine.
vii. Thankful, born 7 June 1708; married John BLOSSOM 6 April 1727.
viii. John, born October 1710; married Elizabeth BACON 20 February 1735.

References: D. F. H. vol. 120 Y. Z.

19. PATIENCE 3 NICKERSON (Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., 3 April 1682; daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Darby) Nickerson; was living and unmarried in May 1706 when she was named in her mother's will.

No further information.

20. ROBERT 3 NICKERSON (Robert2, William1), christened (an adult) at Harwich, Mass. 22 July 1713; son of Robert and Rebecca (Cole) Nickerson.

Little is known about Robert. He lived in Harwich as late as October 1724. In 1726 he was not listed among heads of families having school-age children. In 1713 he sold some of his late father's land in Monomoit to Seth Taylor of Yarmouth. He was a soldier in King Philip's War, Narragansett Township No. 3, Amherst, N.H.

References: A. K. L.

21. (MARY?)3 NICKERSON (Samuel2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bell) Nickerson; death date not known. She was admitted to the Harwich Church as the wife of John Smith 24 April 1709.

She married JOHN SMITH, born 26 May 1673 at Eastham, Mass.; son of Samuel and Mary (Hopkins) Smith; death date not known.

John, of Monomoit, purchased land adjoining Samuel Nickerson's land in 1697, but later settled in what was called "the Smith neighborhood" in West Harwich. He is recorded as living there in 1716 and in 1733.

Child — surname SMITH:

i. Mehitable; married Patrick BUTLER 1730-31; died about 1738.
There may have been sons, Nathaniel, John, and Samuel about whom no authenticating records have been found. However, a Nathaniel Smith owned land adjacent to the north side of Samuel Nickerson's land in 1751, and may have been the grandson of Samuel, and son of John Smith.

References: E. F. vols. 4, 12 N.

22. SAMUEL 3 NICKERSON (Samuel2, William1), born 1684 at Monomoit, Mass.; son of Samuel and Mary (Bell) Nickerson; death date not found; his will was written 9 April and proved 2 July 1751, at Harwich, Mass.

He married about 1707 HANNAH HALL born 20 February 1690 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of Benjamin and Mehitable (Matthews) Hall; she outlived Samuel and was named in his will.

Samuel willed his nephew, Prince Nickerson (#61) "my 3 acres of land where his house now stands" near Herring River, Harwich, and to his sons, everything else, with the understanding that they were to support their parents as long as they lived.

Children, all born at Harwich:
53. Mehitable, 30 January 1708-09.
54. Shaber, 26 August 1710.
55. Samuel, 22 February 1711-12.
56. Benjamin, 6 September 1714.
57. Barnabas, 7 November 1716.
58. Joshua, 16 June 1719.

References: A. D. B. Bk. 4 F. vol. 5 L. N. A-2. B-2.

23. NICHOLAS 3 NICKERSON (Samuel2, William1), probably born at Monomoit, Mass.; son of Samuel and Mary (Bell) Nickerson; died before 1751, it is assumed, when his brother, Samuel, willed land to his (Nicholas') son, Prince.

He married about 1720 LYDIA ____, born about 1700.

The family lived in Harwich, Mass., where all the children were born.

Children:
59. Seth, 21 January 1722.
60. Mary, 20 October 1724.
61. Prince, 8 July 1728.
62. Elizabeth, 30 January 1731.
63. Lydia, 1 March 1734.
64. Eunice, 17 September 1736.

References: A. E. (Estate of Samuel Nickerson) L. C-2.

24. SARAH 3 NICKERSON (John2, William1), probably born at Monomoit, date not known; daughter of John and Sarah (Williams) Nickerson; died before 9 January 1707 at Monomoit, Mass.

She was married 3 April 1704 at Eastham, Mass., by Jonathan Sparrow, Esq., to EDWARD SMALL (SMALLEY); son of Edward and Mary (Woodman) Small of Dover, N.H., or Kittery, Maine. (Marriage record says that Edward was of Monomoit). His estate was administered 8 January 1706.

William Nickerson, son of Joseph (2) was appointed administrator of the Estate of Edward and Sarah Small "late of Manamoiett, both now deceased, 9 January 1707".

Child — surname SMALL:
i. Bathsheba, born 1705 at Chatham; was living in 1723 when Elnathan Eldred was appointed her guardian.

References: D. E. Bks. 3, 4 F. D-2.

25. WILLIAM 3 NICKERSON (John2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; son of John and Sarah (Williams) Nickerson; his will, dated 6 August 1735, was proved 19 October 1738.

He married HANNAH ELLIS, who was still living in 1755.

William's house at Stage Neck in Monomoit stood on the west side of "the road to the wharf" (probably the present Stage Harbor Road), although he owned land on either side. At various times he held the offices of constable, assessor, treasurer and selectman.

The Rev. Mr. Lord considered it proper to spell the name "Nicholson", and it was so used by some of this family at the time. In William's will, however, it is written, "Nicholson, alias Nikeson".

Children, named in the will, and born at Chatham:
65. Martha.
66. Hannah.
67. David.
68. Elizabeth.
69. Sarah.
70. William.
71. Ruth.
72. Zilpha.

References: A. E. vol. 5 D-4

26. JOHN 3 NICKERSON (John2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; son of John and Sarah (Williams) Nickerson; died in 1762; his will was dated 27 May 1762 and proved 7 September 1762.

He was married 11 July 1706 at Eastham, Mass., by Capt. Sparrow to MARY ____; she was not mentioned in the will so it is presumed that she died before May 1762.

The family lived on his father's farm near the center of Chatham where John seems to have been notably civic-minded. He held the posts of grandjuryman, representative to the County Court, selectman, tithing man, fence viewer, constable — and on occasion was designated "to procure, hire and settle a new school master" and "to take account of Blackbirds".

His only son, Elisha, moved to Nova Scotia. In his will, John stipulated that Elisha and his sons were to receive land if they returned to this country, or otherwise the property would be given to his daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. Elisha remained in Nova Scotia.

Children, all born at Chatham:
73. Elisha, 7 March 1706 (also called Eliphas).
74. Mary.
75. Elizabeth.
76. Bethiah, 1714-15.
77. ————, married Prince Young.

References: A. E. Bk. 12 F. vols. 5, 6, 17 E-2.

27. Ens. WILLIAM3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born between 1668 and 1675 at Monomoit, Mass.; son of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; died between 19 October and 15 November 1742.

He married 1st about 1700 DELIVERANCE LOMBARD (LUMBERT), born at Monomoit; daughter of Caleb, Sr.; died about 1716.

He was married 2nd at Chatham, Mass., 24 October 1717 by Peter Marshall, J.P. to ANNA (HANNAH) ATWOOD, born January 1688 at Eastham, Mass.; daughter of Eldad and Anna (Snow) Atwood.

Anna outlived William and married 2nd BENJAMIN BEARSE, SR., of Barnstable 25 August 1747. He died in 1748. She was living as late as September 1764.

Ensign William, so "styled" about 1706 as leader of the local military company, lived on his land at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor), but also received land at Monomessett (Nickerson's) Neck from his father. He was a tanner and carried on that business for many years. There was not only a demand for boots and shoes, but also for leather pants which nearly every man wore at work. He left the tanning house and business to his sons Caleb, Nathaniel and Eldad. It brings to mind an old limerick, the end of which is lost — "This is the story of Joshua Sears, Whose breeches lasted for twenty years. . . . ."

Children by first wife, Deliverance, born at Chatham:

78. William, 15 May 1701.
79. James.
80. Joshua.
81. Elizabeth.
82. Mercy.
83. Deliverance, 1712.
84. Caleb, 1713.
85. Nathaniel.

Children by second wife, Anna, born at Chatham:

86. Anna.
87. Deborah.
88. Eldad, 1723.

References: A. C. D. E. vol. 6 F. Z. F-2. O-2.

28. Lt. THOMAS 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born about 1670 at Monomoit, Mass.; son of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; died at Chatham; his will, proved 3 August 1736, was written 4 August 1735.

He married before December 1696, MARY BANGS, born at Harwich, Mass., 14 April 1671; daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Mayo) Bangs; died between October 1736 and July 1745.
He settled at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) and held several offices there including selectman and town clerk.

Other than the Church, the only community organization at the time seems to have been the military company. Monomoit was directed, from the Colony, to choose a "fit man" as leader and form such a company in 1681, but its officers were not recorded before 1696. In 1706, Thomas was chosen as lieutenant, and his brother, William, ensign.

Mary joined the Harwich Church (later Brewster) in November 1708. Thomas and his children were all baptized there 9 October 1709 by Rev. Nathaniel Stone.

Having already apportioned properties to his children, Thomas NICHOLSON, alias NICKERSON, of Chatham, signed his will of 4 August 1735 with his mark. He left his wife, Mary, his dwelling house, furniture, and land outright, with Samuel Hinckley having a right to live there and to manage it for her. Samuel, called a nephew, was the son of Shubael Hinckley and Lydia Bangs, sister of Mary. He was raised with Thomas' family, and the will left him the dwelling house after the decease of wife, Mary.

Children, all born at Chatham:

89. Jonathan, 1689-90.
90. Mercy, 1694-5.
91. Thomas, 24 December 1696.

92. William, 1698.
93. Ebenezer, about 1700.
94. Edward, about 1702.
95. Nathaniel, about 1704.
96. Mary, about 1706.
97. Thankful, about 1708.

References: A. D. E. Vol. 5 F. Vol. 4 E-2. G-2. H-2.

29. MERCY 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; daughter of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; death date not known.

She married 1st about 1689 WILLIAM MITCHELL, born 1669; son of Richard of Yarmouth, Mass.; he died before 1709.

She married 2nd, about 1709, JAMES GRIFFITH, son of William and Lydia (——) Griffith; death date not known.

William was of Monomoit in 1687. He took the oath of a freeman at Barnstable 24 June 1690. His farm of 40 acres was located on the west side of Mitchell's River, which was named for him. He probably died some while before 1709 when his estate was settled and his widow had already remarried. William, Jr., sold his father's properties in 1725 and 1740.

James Griffith was married to Mercy when he was appointed administrator of William's estate 1 November 1709. He is listed as a resident of Chatham in 1711.

Joseph Paine says, "James Griffith and family, I am inclined to believe, went to the vicinity of Smyrna (Duck Creek), Delaware about 1711. There are Griffiths and Mitchells in the vicinity yet." (L) (See #34)

Child — surname MITCHELL:
i. William, born about 1691 at Monomoit; "Uncle" Nathaniel Nickerson was made his guardian 1 November 1709; married 1st Tabatha ELDREDGE 19 March 1712-13; married 2nd Sarah HIGGINS 10 April 1717; moved to Dartmouth, Mass. about 1737, and was living in 1769.

References: A. D. E. vol. 3 L. I-2.

30. ELIZABETH 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; daughter of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; died at Duck Creek (Smyrna), Delaware, date unknown.

She married about 1695 WILLIAM CAHOON, son of William of Swanzey, Mass.; died 30 April 1702.

On September 14, 1695 William Cahoon purchased 60 acres of land in the "Hall" neighborhood of Harwich. He sold two-thirds of it to Samuel Nickerson June 8, 1696, and the remaining acres to John Smith on 3 June 1697. He received in exchange their land at Monomoit. In 1697 he was living on the farm of Samuel Smith in Monomoit.

William was drowned on a fishing trip along with Jonathan Vickery, Nicholas Eldredge and Edward Small. In 1711, when a number of families left the Cape to go to Delaware, the widow, Elizabeth, was probably among them. (See #34)

Children — surname CAHOON:
i. William, born in Chatham; married Sarah (? O'KELLEY) about 1716; first child was born 7 March 1717; moved to Harwich in 1727.

ii. James, born in Chatham; married Mary RICH, int. 29 August 1722; moved to Eastham, Mass., about 1722.

References: A. D. F. Vols. 12, 28 T. F-2. J-2.

31. JUDITH 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass.; daughter of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; died after 1746 when she was named in her husband's will.

She married 1 or 5 March 1696-7 at Eastham, Mass., NATHANIEL COVEL, born about 1670 at Chatham, Mass.; son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Nickerson) Covel; his death date not known. His will, written 19 September 1746, was proved 13 March 1746-7. It names his wife Judith; his children, John, Seth, Simeon and Elizabeth; his grandchild, Hannah Cunningham; children of daughter Jane Nickerson, deceased — Judith Gray, Jane Gage, Jonathan, Daty; and children of son, Nathaniel, deceased — Rose, Keziah, Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Hannah.

This family lived between Crow's Pond and Ryder's Cove in Monomoit where Nathaniel served two years each as selectman and treasurer, and where all the children were born.

Children — surname COVEL:

i. Jane (Jean); married Jonathan NICKERSON (#89) about 1718; died about 1728.
ii. John, born 1700; married Thankful BANGS 16 August 1724 at Harwich; died 1 December 1760.
iii. Nathaniel; married Keziah TUCKER 14 April 1727; died before 1746.
iv. Seth; married Sarah HURD 22 November 1733; removed to Ridgefield, Connecticut about 1747.
v. Hannah; married Alexander CUNNINGHAM February 1732-3 in Nantucket; was living in 1746.
vi. Simeon; married Thankful ROBBINS 26 August 1746; removed to Ridgefield, Conn., about 1747.
vii. Elizabeth; unmarried; died about 1776.

References: A. C. D. F. vol. 7 Q. E-2. K-2. P-2.

32. NATHANIEL 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born 1680-81 at Monomoit, Mass.; son of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; death date not found but his estate was administered 20 May 1725.

He was married 13 May 1702 at Yarmouth, Mass., by John Thatcher, J.P., to KATHERINE STUART (STUARD), daughter of Hugh and _____(Wait) Stuart. She married 2nd on December 28, 1735, BENJAMIN NYE, born 25 November 1673 at Sandwich, Mass.; son of John and Esther (Shed) Nye; she died between 1740 and 1745; Benjamin died 22 April 1750 at Falmouth, Mass.

Nathaniel and Katherine settled in Monomoit near Frostfish Creek where he was town treasurer in 1723 and 1724. After his death, Katherine leased the homestead to Samuel Godfrey and moved with her family to Falmouth, where her daughter, Experience, had married. Her attorney had some trouble with Godfrey, and in 1733 she leased the property to Elisha Hopkins.

Children, all born at Chatham:

98. Experience, 1703.
99. Mercy, about 1709; after Nathaniel's death, Elisha Mayo of Chatham was appointed her guardian 8 September 1726.
100. Nathaniel, about 1718.
101. Samuel.
102. Shubael.
103. Temperance.

There may have been other children.

References: A. D. E. vol. 4 H. Z.

33. ROBERT 3 NICKERSON (William2, William1), born at Monomoit, Mass. about 1684; son of William and Mercy (Williams) Nickerson; death date not known; his will was dated 16 January 1755 and proved 4 February the same year.

He was married 28 March 1706-7 at Yarmouth, Mass., by John Thatcher to REBECCA JONES, daughter of Jeremiah of Yarmouth; died about 1765.

Robert and his family lived on his father's farm which he had inherited, at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor). He served the village as grandjuryman and surveyor, and in 1713 was chosen to help in laying out parcels of Common Land for the drawing of lots.

In his will he left to his "Loving wife, Rebecca, the movable estate . . . and that end of the house where we lived together". He left sums of money to his daughters Mercy Kidder, Fear Eldredge, Rebecca Hopkins, and to heirs of his daughter Elizabeth Ray, alias Cunningham, deceased. His son Elkanah received a woodlot "I bought of Moses Godfrey". He evidently had previously deeded property to his son and retained the right to live in a part of the house. It is probable that his sons James, Robert and Sylvanus had died before 1755 since the will mentions all the other children and their heirs, but does not mention these sons.

Children, all born at Chatham:
- 104. James.
- 105. Robert.
- 106. Sylvanus.
- 107. Mercy.
- 108. Fear.
- 109. Elizabeth.
- 110. Rebecca.
- 111. Elkanah, 14 February 1721-2.

References: A. C. D. E. vol. 9 F. vols. 3, 4 L. U. P-2.

34. JEREMIAH 3 NICKERSON (Joseph2, William1), born about 1675 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Joseph and Ruhamah (Jones) Nickerson; his will was written 9 October and proved 31 October 1724, Kent County, Delaware.

No record identifying his wife has been found. She was living in 1724 when the will was written.

He had lived in Monomoit and in East Harwich but moved to Delaware. A number of Cape Cod villagers had become disheartened and thought their outlook bleak. In 1711 thirteen families emigrated, many to Duck Creek (now Smyrna), Kent County, Delaware. Only about 33 families remained in the village of Monomoit. From the records of his land transactions at Monomoit and Duck Creek at that time, it appears that Jeremiah was surely connected with this first emigration. In October 1711 he bought land there on the north side of Murder Creek from Nicholas Wixon (Nixon). There he developed a plantation, presumably tobacco. His will states: "being sick and weak of body but through the Mercy of God sound and perfect in mind and memory. . . I will that all my Just debts be duly paid". To his son Joshua he left "the land and Plantation where I now dwell Situate and lying in Dover Containing one hundred acres to them his heirs and assigns forever". His son Joseph was to receive "that piece of Marsh lying on the North side of Murder Kill Creek . . . containing 13 acres. . . 3 steers . . . my Drugget Suit of Wearing Cloathes (viz) Coat Vest and Britchers and Hat. . . I give to my Daughter Lidey my warming pan after my wives decease. . . I give to my Daughter Richmeg (Ruhamah) my suite of Red curtains. . . I bequeath to my Daughter Percilla one feather bed and furniture (viz) one Boulster two pillows a pair of sheets one Blanket and Rug. . . one cow and Calf and Pewter Dish and as much Callicoe as will make her a gown. . . as soon as the Tobacco is disposed of which is now Hanging in the

House''. Daughter Mary's bequest was the same as Ruhamah's, and in each case, to be given on the marriage day or at the age of eighteen. ''I give to my two grandsons Nehemiah and Jeremiah Nickerson one heifer yearling a peace''. To his ''dear and well beloved wife'' he left all his remaining estate. He stipulated that his son Joshua should live with his mother and take care of her affairs, the plantation, and ''stock'' as long as she ''lives or keeps single''. Joshua was to inherit the estate if she remarried or died.

Children:
112. Joshua.
113. Joseph.
114. Lydia.
114. Lydia.
115. Ruhamah.
116. Priscilla.
117. Mary.

References: A. D. L. R-2. vol. A-37

35. WILLIAM 3 NICKERSON (Joseph2, William1, born about 1678 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Joseph and Ruhamah (Jones) Nickerson; drowned while canoeing, date not known; his will was dated 15 September 1760 and was proved 12 March 1765.

He was married by Capt. Jonathan Sparrow 4 November 1703 at Eastham, Mass., to LYDIA MAKER, probably Indian, born about 1684 at Eastham; daughter of James and Rachel (_____) Maker.

The family lived in East Harwich in 1726. In his will William gave his wife, Lydia, ''for her sole use, one third of my homestead in lieu of her right of dower'', and parcels of land in Harwich to all his sons and daughters. To his grandson, William, executor, ''son of my son John . . . . . as he has lived with me and is to live with me as long as I live, and is to do for me and my wife'', all his other properties.

Children, born at Harwich:
118. John, about 1705.
119. Rachel.
120. Lydia.
121. Isaac.
122. Joseph.
123. Silas.
124. William.
125. Mary.
126. Priscilla.

References: A. D. E. F. vols. 8, 9 N. L-2. P-2. S-2.

36. JOSEPH 3 NICKERSON (Joseph2, William1), born about 1682 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Joseph and Ruhamah (Jones) Nickerson.

He married _____ (possibly named Elizabeth); death dates not known.

Joseph was residing in East Harwich on the south side of Queen Anne Road as late as 1725, and was known to be living in 1726.

Child:
127. Thankful.

There were probably other children about whom we have found no record.

References: D. L. N.

37. JOSIAH 3 NICKERSON (Joseph2, William1), born about 1685 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Joseph and Ruhamah (Jones) Nickerson; died before 16 July 1737, the date of his widow's second marriage.

He was married 20 January 1714-15 at Harwich by Nathaniel Freeman to RACHEL MAKER, probably Indian, born about 1685 at Eastham, Mass.; daughter of James and Rachel (_____) Maker. She married 2nd JOHN KING, as his fourth wife, 6 July 1737.

Josiah was listed as a householder in the northeasterly part of Harwich, now South Orleans, in 1726.

Children, born at Harwich:
128. David.
129. Bethiah.
130. Josiah.
131. Deborah.
132. Shubael.

References: A. D. E. vols. 7, 8 F. vols. 6, 10 B-2. C-2.

38. JOHN 3 NICKERSON (Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich or Monomoit, Mass.; son of Joseph and Ruhamah (Jones) Nickerson; died at Harwich before 1722.

He married before 1709-10 SARAH BASSETT, probably born at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of Nathaniel and first wife, Dorcas (Joyce) Bassett.

Sarah, as a widow, had taxes allowed her in Chatham in 1772; lived in East Harwich in 1726; was married 2nd to JOHN ROGERS 18 April 1728 in Harwich by Joseph Doane. John died 10 January 1738-9. Sarah was known to be living in 1744 when mentioned in a deed by her son, Eleazer Rogers, as "Widow Sarah Rogers".

Children of John and Sarah, all born in Harwich:
133. Reuben, about 1707.
134. Jeremiah.
135. Jesse.
136. Sarah.

References: C. D. L. N.

39. MERCY 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 17 March 1691-2 at Eastham, Mass.; daughter of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; death date not found.

She was married 1 April 1714 at Harwich, Mass., by Nathaniel Freeman to JOSEPH JOHNSON of Harwich. No record of his parents has been discovered. It is possible that he was the son of Abraham of Chatham, an early landowner.

Although Joseph received a grant of land in Plymouth, Mass. from his father on 12 April 1714, he lived in Harwich for a number of years. He is known to have moved to the Oblong, N.Y., probably about 1747-50 when several Cape families went to that area.

The Oblong was a strip of land two and one-half miles wide along the Connecticut border, which had been ceded by that state to New York in 1731 in exchange for lands along Long Island Sound. A guarantee of title and low prices for the lands attracted young Cape Codders who had become dissatisfied with their prospects. A religious awakening and social upheaval extended over the Cape at the time. Settlers from Yarmouth, Harwich and other places occupied land in the Oblong as early as 1740, but there is no evidence that people from Chatham went until the "second emigration" in 1747.

The Oblong adjoined the town of Ridgefield, Conn., and at the time was in Dutchess County, N.Y., (later Putnam County). Some of the villages of the Oblong were called Nine Partners, Pawling, Crumebow, Phillips Patent — in New York, and New Milford, Sherman, New Fairfield — in Connecticut.

Some families, including Nickersons, moved to Ridgefield, and to the northern part of that town called New Patent, later Ridgebury. Nearly all those families eventually crossed the state line into the present Putnam County and lived in the area which is now the town of Southeast. It is near the town of Brewster, N.Y.

Child — surname JOHNSON:
i. Joseph, born 10 August 1716 at Harwich.

References: A. B. F. vols. 1,6 L. N. B-2. C-2.

40. NICHOLAS 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 19 March 1693-4 at Eastham, Mass.; son of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; death date not known, but he was reported captured by pirates in June 1722.

He married 2 May 1722 at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., DEBORAH CHIPMAN, born 6 December 1704 at Barnstable, Mass.; daughter of John and Mary (Skiff) Chipman; died before 1756, when her second husband remarried.

Nicholas and Deborah lived in Harwich, Mass. He was a seaman, and apparently was captured by pirates the month following their marriage. There were no children of this marriage. She brought suit to recover debts due his estate in 1724.

Deborah married 2nd at Harwich 23 December 1726 SETH BANGS, born 29 July 1705; son of Samuel and Mary (Hinckley) Bangs. Seth married 2nd on January 4, 1756 THANKFUL STONE, born 2 March 1708-9; daughter of Nathaniel and Reliance (Hinckley) Stone.

Children of Deborah and Seth BANGS, born at Harwich:
i. Chipman, 20 June 1727; died 4 April 1750.
ii. Solomon, 23 May 1729; married 1st Experience BERRY 21 March 1750; married 2nd Mrs. Jerusha FOSTER 2 April 1769; died 19 January 1797.
iii. Elijah, 3 June 1731.
iv. Samuel, 9 April 1753.
v. Perez, 20 February 1735-6.
vi. Seth, 14 July 1738; married Rebecca PHINNEY 31 October 1760.
vii. John, 17 February 1743-4.
viii. Deborah, 5 February 1744-5; moved to Hardwick, Mass.; married Edward FOSTER 13 January 1762.
ix. Chipman, 8 August 1750; married Elizabeth MILLER 8 March 1772.

References: D. F. vol. 1 X. B-2. C-2.

41. EBENEZER 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 13 June 1697 at Harwich, Mass.; son of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; died at Provincetown, Mass., 15 February 1768, in 71st year; buried at Provincetown Cemetery #1.

He married 18 October 1726 at Harwich ELIZABETH MAYO, born 16 July 1706 at Harwich; daughter of John and Hannah (Freeman) Mayo; died 27 February 1789 at Provincetown; also buried in Provincetown Cemetery #1.

Ebenezer lived in Harwich and all his children were born there. In 1726 the town was divided into six "districts" or "removes" for schools and for establishing the time they should be in session.

Ebenezer's home was in the "fourth district" of the town, now East Brewster. There were 47 children, and school was to be kept for 33 weeks. Public schools were first established on Cape Cod about 1670, and were among the first in the country. They were maintained with funds from the fisheries tax — somewhat of a drain on the meagre resources of the pioneers. In the old country, family education in the home was the custom, and the colonists maintained this practice conscientiously until a system of more general education was worked out.

In 1749, Ebenezer was among the signers of petitions for religious tolerance. (See #78) He moved to Provincetown in 1751.

Children, born at Harwich:

137. Mary, 3 August 1727; died young.
138. Hannah, 23 October 1727; married Nehemiah NICKERSON (#257) 23 January 1747.
139. Mary, 14 July 1730; married 1st Barnabas NICKERSON (#57) 7 November 1752; married 2nd Benjamin GAGE, int. 21 October 1758; died 26 March 1807.
140. Elizabeth, 8 August 1732; married John KENNEY 16 November 1752; (? m. 2 Eliphalet HAMILTON)
141. Seth, 21 October 1737; married 1st Mary SMITH 19 March 1761; married 2nd Isabel (ELDREDGE) DYER 25 October 1779; died 11 April 1801 at Provincetown, Mass.
142. Nathan, 22 November 1739.
143. Ebenezer, bapt. 13 January 1744-5; married Elizabeth LEWIS 11 December 1766; died 8 December 1792, Provincetown.
144. Mercy bapt. 4 May 1746; married Nathaniel HINCKLEY 21 June 1761.
145. Elijah, 19 October 1748; married Jemima ATKINS 16 November 1769; died 17 March 1823, Boston, Mass.

References: D. F. vols. 1, 6, 7 H. N. C-2.

42. JANE 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 6 April 1699 at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; died at Yarmouth (now Dennis), Mass., 28 April 1781; is buried in South Dennis Cemetery (back of the town office).

She was married 18 June 1724 at Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone to JUDAH 3 BAKER, born 2 March 1700-1 at Yarmouth; son of William2 (Francis1) and Mercy (Lawrence) Baker; died 19 March 1782 at Yarmouth; is buried in South Dennis Cemetery.

Children — surname BAKER, born at Yarmouth, now Dennis:

i. Thankful, 17 May 1730; married 24 January 1754 Thomas CROWELL.
ii. Judah, 11 June 1733; married 1st Mary ELDRIDGE 18 December 1760; married 2nd Phebe ____; died 18 January 1814.
iii. Huldah, 22 May 1737; married 2 April 1776 Isaac MAYO of Sherborne (Nantucket), Mass. as second wife; lived in Brewster, Mass.
iv. Seth, 6 May 1739; married Mary WHELDEN, int. 21 February 1768; died 8 December 1828.

References: F. vols. 1, 6, 8 I. (Baker Family) X. C-2. G-2.

43. MARY 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 13 August 1701 at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; death date not known.

She was married 8 October 1724 at Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone to JAMES HARDING, born 2 November 1702 at Eastham, Mass.; son of Meziah and Hannah (Rogers) Harding; died 30 April 1732 at Eastham.

It is not certain that this Mary was the daughter of William 3 since she was not mentioned in his will. She may have been one of the many unrecorded Nickerson daughters.

Children — surname HARDING:

i. Thomas, 1 June 1725, Harwich; married Sarah SMITH at Eastham 21 September 1750.
ii. James, 17 March 1731 at Eastham.

References: D. F. vols. 1,3,5,8,16,17,25 C-2.

44. THANKFUL 4 NICKERSON (William3, Nicholas2, William1), born 26 July 1705 at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of William and Mary (Snow) Nickerson; death date not known.

She married 15 June 1727 at Harwich BENJAMIN BURGESS, born 3 May 1701 at Yarmouth, Mass.; son of John and Sarah (Nickerson) Burgess; death date not known.

Children — surname BURGESS, born at Yarmouth:

i. William, 12 June 1728; married 1st Hannah SEARS in 1751; she died 20 March 1797; married 2nd Mrs. Susannah HALL 5 March 1798. He died 12 May 1801.
ii. Sarah, born 31 July 1731.

References: D. F. vol. 7 I. (Burgess Family)

45. ELIZABETH 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born 11 May 1699 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died after 11 July 1755 when she was named in her husband's will.

She married about 1721, SILAS 4 SEARS, born December 1695 at Yarmouth; son of Silas3 (Silas2, Richard1) and Elizabeth (Crosby) Sears; died 10 April 1760 at Yarmouth.

Silas3 was among those chosen by the town of Yarmouth (about 1679) "to loock out, cut up and secure to the town such whales and whale bone as by God's providence were cast up between . . . Sawtucket Harbor marsh and Sawtucket" . . . and to be paid in "blubber or oyle to the value of 5 pounds of whale". Dead whales were frequently found on Cape shores, and very early the Colony saw "reason to require som pte of the oyle made "within its limits.

The will of Silas, dated 11 July 1755 and proved 6 May 1760, named his wife, Elizabeth, and all the children except James who had died, and Rachel who may also have died. He left his homestead to his son, Eleazer.

Children — surname SEARS, born at Yarmouth.

i. James, 24 June 1722; died before 1755.
ii. Mary, 4 September 1724; married Seth CROWELL 15 January 1746; was living in 1755.
iii. Silas, 2 February 1726-7; married Elizabeth WILLIAMS 17 December 1756.
iv. Edward, 21 October 1729; married 1st Mary BRAY 24 September 1750; married 2nd Priscilla BAKER 26 November 1767; death date not known; estate administered 26 April 1782.
v. Hannah, 19 January 1732-3; married William KENT of Eastham, Mass. 16 January 1755.
vi. Moody, 6 May 1734; married Elizabeth LEWIS 20 December 1759; died 24 November 1795.
vii. Eleazer, about 1728; married 1st Ruth LEWIS 23 August 1760; married 2nd Jane BAKER 17 February 1786; married 3rd Sarah YOUNG 9 November 1790; died September 1810.
viii. Rachel; probably died young.
ix. Elizabeth; married Stephen SEARS 12 November 1758.
x. Tabitha; married Moses GODFREY 10 May 1763.

References: E. Bk. 12 N. V.

46. MARY 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born 12 June 1701 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died 10 November 1765 at Yarmouth; buried in Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.

She married in Yarmouth February 1729-30, ELEAZER4 SEARS born 1 January 1705-6 at Yarmouth; son of Silas3 (Silas2, Richard1) and Sarah (Crosby) Sears.

After Mary's death he married 2nd December 4, 1766, LYDIA GRAY who died 9 February 1795 in her 67th year. Eleazer died 4 July 1796 at Yarmouth; buried in Ancient Cemetery.
There were no children.

References: D. V. T-2.

47. JOHN 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born 1 June 1703 "about midnight the night before", at Yarmouth, Mass.; son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died 26 February 1768 "in a very sudden manner" at Yarmouth, now South Dennis.

He was married at Yarmouth by Peter Thatcher to MARY SMALL 19 June 1729. She died there 19 July 1755.

John is recorded as having signed the Church covenant in 1727.

He received Lots 27 and 30 in the Crocker Neck Division of common lands in 1737. This land was divided between his daughters after his death, when the estate was settled 6 April 1771.

His father built a new house across from the present Congregational Church on Main Street in South Dennis. He then gave his first house, which is on the north side of the Church, to John, and left his new one to son, Eleazer. Both houses are still standing. (1973)

Children, born at Yarmouth:
146. Elizabeth, 11 April 1730; married Thomas SNOW 18 January 1753; died between 1803 and 1806.
147. Mary, 20 January 1732-3; married Edward RYDER 28 November 1771; died before 1795.

References: C. E. vol. 12 G. W. E-4.

48. PATIENCE 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born "the night before" 15 April 1705 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died at Yarmouth 22 January 1783 in (79th year — gravestone); buried in Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.

She was married by Peter Thatcher in Yarmouth 26 July 1732 to THOMAS4 SEARS, born at Yarmouth 3 March 1702-3; son of Silas3 (Silas2, Richard1) and Sarah (Crosby) Sears; died at Yarmouth 29 May 1785 (in 85th year — gravestone); buried in Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.

The will of Thomas Sears, written 4 July 1777 "being grown into years" names his wife, Patience, son Eleazer who lived in the east half of his house, grandsons Samuel and Eleazer Sears, and grand-daughter Sarah Hatch. The will was proved some years later — 30 June 1785.

Children — surname SEARS, born at Yarmouth:
i. Thomas, 6 November 1733; married 28 November 1754 Mercy GRAY of Tisbury; died 25 September 1761 in 28th year; buried Ancient Cemetery.
ii. Eleazer, 9 May 1739; married 1st Bethia GODFREY, intentions filed 18 November 1761 at Chatham, Mass.; she died 7 January 1800. He married 2nd in Dennis 5 January 1801 Thankful (CHASE) NICKERSON, widow of Eleazer (#152); daughter of Richard and Thankful (Berry) Chase.

References: E. Bk. 23 V. T-2.

49. Capt. ISRAEL 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born "the last day of March" 1709 at Yarmouth, Mass.; son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died 31 January 1772 at Dennis, Mass.; buried in Old South Dennis Cemetery.

He was married at Harwich Mass., 5 March 1735-6 by Joseph Doane, J.P., to HANNAH SMALL, born at Harwich 20 August 1715; daughter of Jonathan and Damaris (Winslow) Small; died 2 March 1799 in 84th year at Dennis, Mass.; buried at Old South Dennis Cemetery.

Israel received Lot #14 in the Crocker Neck land division in 1739.

Edward8 Irving Nickerson of Providence, R.I. (Sparrow7, Mulford6, Israel5, Israel4, John3) writes on June 3, 1897, "The Late William P. Davis, Town Clerk of Yarmouth, Mass., told me that the original William Nickerson settled in the part of that town now known as South Dennis and my father Sparrow Howes Nickerson was born on a portion of the original reservation there which had never changed hands for money".

Israel's will was written 20 January 1772 and proved 11 February that year. It names his wife, Hannah, giving her the east half of his dwelling house to use, and stipulates that his two sons find her "a comfortable support" as long as she is his widow. They were to provide her 3 cows, one half of his sheep, firewood cut and brought to her door, and "a horse for her to ride for comfort". He left a piece of land at Gage's Pond to his daughter, Patience, and all other real estate divided equally between his sons.

Children, born at Yarmouth, now Dennis:

148. Israel, 2 September 1741; married Betsey DOANE 2 January 1768; died 30 September 1791.
149. James, 17 February 1744; married Kezia GODFREY 4 January 1770; died 4 March 1815.
150. Patience, 16 February 1749; married William CHAPMAN 15 January 1767.

References: C. D. E. vol. 12 F. vol. 6 W. C-2. U-2.

50. TABITHA 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., 15 June 1713; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died 1771 at Barrington, Nova Scotia; buried there "near the old Meeting House".

She married 6 or 16 September 1733 at Yarmouth, JUDAH4 CROWELL, born at Yarmouth (now West Dennis) 6 May 1703; son of Thomas3 (Thomas2, John1) and Elizabeth (Jones) Crowell; died of smallpox 25 April 1783 on Cape Island, N.S.

Children — surname CROWELL, born at Yarmouth:

i. Thomas, 28 February 1735; married Martha COLEMAN in 1754; died before 1771.
ii. Elizabeth, 14 April 1738; married Thomas WEST.
iii. Judah, 24 July 1741; married Jerusha KNOWLES; died 1768.
iv. Tabitha, 8 September 1743.
v. Archelaus, 20 August 1747; married Mary _____; had at least three children.
vi. Ansel, 8 August 1749; married, Jedidah DOANE in 1772.
vii. Eleazer; married 1st on November 13, 1781, Mercy KENNEY, daughter of Heman and Mercy (Nickerson #203) Kenney, who died 31 March 1818; married 2nd Sarah (CROWELL) KNOWLES.

References: C. D. I. (Crowell Family) M-2. S-2.

51. MARCY 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., 22 November 1715-16; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died at Yarmouth 17 December 1765.

She was married 12 March 1740-41 at Yarmouth by Thomas Smith, clerk, to DAVID4 O'KELLEY, born at Yarmouth 28 December 1715; son of John3 (Jeremiah2, David1) and Elizabeth (Crowell) O'Kelley; died at Yarmouth — date not found, but his estate was administered 12 August 1783. David married 2nd on 30 July 1774, MARTHA BURGESS, born 1759, daughter of Thaddeus; died 14 April 1811.

Martha and son Levi, were appointed administrators of David's estate 12 August 1783, and Martha was named guardian of Anna, a minor, in 1783.

Children by first wife, Marcy — surname O'KELLEY, born at Yarmouth:

i. Elizabeth, 3 March 1743; died 1765.
ii. David, 18 April 1745; married Bathsheba _____, who died, a widow, 8 May 1832, age 85 years; he died 5 April 1816 and is buried in Quaker Cemetery, South Yarmouth.
iii. Mary (Marcy), 23 April 1751; married Eldredge BAKER 30 April 1770.
iv. Levi, 9 December 1753; married 17 April 1775 Nabby KELLEY, who died 1833; he died 5 March 1840.
v. Elizabeth, born and died 23 February 1765.
vi. Rosanna.

Child by second wife, Martha:

vii. Anna, May 1776; bapt. 12 October 1783 at West Yarmouth Church.

References: C. E. V-2. T-3.

52. ELEAZER 4 NICKERSON (John3, Nicholas2, William1), born at Yarmouth, Mass., (now South Dennis) 2 April 1718; son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Nickerson; died at South Dennis 17 October 1800 in his 83rd year; buried there in the cemetery located behind the Town Office.

He was married in Barnstable, Mass., by Rev. Joseph Green 17 February 1742 to SARAH BEARSE, born at Barnstable 5 July 1722; daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Cobb) Bearse; died in South Dennis 1 December 1787; buried with her husband.

Eleazer served as tithing man, juryman and constable in Yarmouth. He was known as a thrifty man, owned a pew in the north Meeting House, and was a large land owner in the Town of Dennis. The house he inherited from his father may still be seen across from the South Dennis Congregational Church. (1973)

In his will, written 5 December 1796 and proved 9 December 1800, he left the homestead to his son, John, with one third of his real estate, and the remaining two-thirds to the heirs of his deceased son, Eleazer. This real estate remained in the Nickerson family for generations. In addition to the homestead land, he owned 18 pieces of marsh, cedar swamp, and woodland covering many acres, and was fined for "giving sum to the English".

Children, born at Yarmouth, now Dennis:

151. John, 3 March 1744; married Mary HARDING 6 December 1764; died 20 September 1818.
152. Eleazer, 4 March 1749; married Thankful CHASE 15 November 1769; died 26 November 1796.
153. Sarah, 8 August 1762; married Elisha CROWELL 13 July 1777; died 10 February 1830.

References: C. E. Bks. 28,30,32 F. vol. 33 U-2. W-2. X-2.

53. MEHITABLE 4 NICKERSON (Samuel3, Samuel2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass., 30 January 1708-9; daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson; died at Chatham, Mass., 26 November 1761 in her 53rd year.

She was married in Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone 4 August 1726-7 to JAMES COVELL of Chatham; son of Joseph and Hannah (Bassett) Covell.

James married 2nd at Yarmouth, Mass. 16 September 1762 RUTH (CROWELL) KELLEY, born 18 October 1722; daughter of John and Experience (Higgins) Crowell, and widow of Amos Kelley (O'Kellia).

James Covell "being advanced in years" wrote his will 2 June 1781. He left his wife the right to provide for his three small children, Ruth, Joshua and Nathan. Others named in the will were his second wife's daughter, Naomi Godfrey, his sons James and Samuel, his daughters, Mehitable Nickerson, a widow in Connecticut, Drusilla Ewer and Constance Robertson in "Hampshire State", and Hannah Nickerson of Harwich, a widow; grand-daughter Betty Ryder; grandsons James Covell, Charles and Joseph Atkins, and Prince Nickerson. He had a son and three daughters in other states "and I can't hear but seldom from them". The will was proved 14 June 1781. His wife, Ruth, was appointed guardian of sons Joshua and Nathan, and daughter Ruth, minors, in 1781.

Children — surname COVELL, all born at Chatham:

By first wife, Mehitable —

i. Mehitable, 15 February 1727-8; married James[5] NICKERSON (#202), son of William[4] and Sarah (Covell) Nickerson on November 9, 1749; was a widow in 1781 in Conn.
ii. Ruth, 13 March 1729-30; married 1st Thomas ATKINS; married 2nd Prince NICKERSON (#253) 22 August 1759; died 20 April 1760.
iii. Drusilla, 23 April 1732; married Rev. Nathaniel EWER, Jr. 18 October 1750, was living in New Hampshire in 1781; died in 1810 at Newmarket, N.H.
iv. Hannah, 13 November 1734; died 4 December 1734.
v. Joseph, 26 September 1736; died December 1736.
vi. Joseph, 10 January 1737-8; died 13 January 1737-8.
vii. Hannah, 30 January 1739; married Edward NICKERSON (#280) 24 December 1761; lived in Harwich; was recorded as a widow in 1781.
viii. James, 28 June 1742; married Sarah HALL, int. 6 September 1760.
ix. Constant (Constance), 3 March 1744; married _____ ROBERTSON; resided in New Hampshire in 1781.
x. Samuel, 22 May 1748; married Jerusha HALL, int. 20 January 1770; went to Clinton, N.Y.

By second wife, Ruth —

xi. Ruth, 17 September 1764; married Edward HALL, Jr. 11 April 1782.
xii. Joshua, 13 October 1766; married Elizabeth _____; removed to Maine before 1790.
xiii. Nathan, 6 September 1768.

References: A. D. E. Bks. 18,21 F. vols. 1,7,9,15 I. (Crowell Family) Q.

54. SHABER[4] NICKERSON (Samuel[3], Samuel[2], William[1]), born 26 August 1710 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson.

He is not mentioned in his father's will (1751) and no mention of him has been found in other records. He may have died young.

55. SAMUEL[4] NICKERSON (Samuel[3], Samuel[2], William[1]), born at Harwich, Mass., 22 February 1711-12; son of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson; died at Harwich 20 May 1780; buried on the "hill near Daniel Doane's" still referred to as "Kildee Hill". Josiah Paine (L) offers this description —

"He was buried on the hill near Daniel Doane's where a slate stone marked the spot with inscription. Nearby was a stone to the memory of his daughter, Mary, who died May 2, 1800. This stone

to her memory has been battered to pieces by some thoughtless boys. The stone at the head of the grave of Samuel Nickerson which was a slate one in 1852 is now, 1906, gone from the old graveyard on the hill.''

He was married 6 December 1745 by Josiah Doane in Harwich to HANNAH PHILLIPS, born about 1712 at Harwich; daughter of Benjamin and Temperance (Stewart) Phillips; died at Harwich 14 January 1810 at age 98.

He lived in the ''Southside'' of Harwich, and in 1749 supported petitions for religious tolerance. (See #78)

Children, all born at Harwich:

154. Philip, 22 November 1746; died before 1775.
155. Samuel, 3 February 1748; married Anna NICKERSON (#283) 10 January 1711; died February 1830.
156. Shebar, 21 April 1751; died August 1754.
157. Seth, 20 July 1756; married Mary PHILLIPS 30 November 1775; died 9 October 1828.
158. Mercy, 1758; died 25 October 1763.
159. Enoch, a minor in 1782; married Jedidah BAKER 24 September 1789; res. Constantia, N.Y. 1819.
160. David; married Anna (or Perlina) ROGERS, int. 18 April 1781.
161. Mary, under 18 in 1775; married Joseph SAUNDERS 15 September 1791; died 20 April 1800.
162. Tamsin, about 1765; married Daniel DOANE 12 January 1786; died 24 May 1849.

References: E. Bk. 21 F. vols. 33,35 L. N. Q. C-2

56. BENJAMIN 4 NICKERSON (Samuel3, Samuel2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass.; 6 September 1714; son of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson; died at Harwich 9 October 1798.

He was married 1st in Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone 13 October 1741 to SARAH COVELL of Harwich, born 1713; daughter of Ephraim and his first wife, Mercy or Mary (_____) Covell, who died 1 February 1727-8. Sarah died 6 June 1788 and is buried at Harwich Center Cemetery.

He married 2nd on December 25, 1788 HANNAH (SEVERANCE) BURGESS of Yarmouth. She had married 1st THOMAS HINCKLEY in 1766, and married 2nd in 1771 JOHN BURGESS, who died in 1783. Hannah died 14 January 1810, aged 98 years.

Benjamin was town assessor in 1746-7 and was also commissioned to select a preacher. He was among those on the Southside who, beginning in 1744, initiated several petitions in an effort to have the town officially separated into two precincts. Harwich covered a large area, and those living in the southern part found it wearisome and a hardship to travel to the town center on the north side for town meetings, church affairs and business dealings. There also were beginning political and religious differences. In January 1746-7, the Council and the House of Representatives concurred, and the Southside became a distinct and separate precinct. The North Precinct was incorporated as the Town of Brewster in 1803.

Ephraim Covel, in his will written 14 July 1749 and proved 10 September 1735, left his daughter, Sarah, ''all my lands lying eastward of the way that leads to the Oyster Bay (now Wychmere Harbor) . . . southerly to the beach . . . easterly by the sea . . . till my meadow fence comes to the Cold Brook (a tributary of Andrews River) . . . . . that said Sarah Nickerson and her heirs shall always have a convenient way through gates and bars down to ye meadow for to cart hay or fencing stuff or to salt water to fetch fish or goods as they shall have occasion.'' Sarah and Benjamin ''shall not come into possession of my land . . . until her heirs arrive at full age . . . to take possession of it.''

Ephraim, a Quaker, was born about 1677, youngest son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Nickerson) Covell.

He married 2nd Abigail ELLIS of Yarmouth 4 February 1729-30; married 3rd (intentions 20 September 1746) Mary TAYLOR, daughter of John of Chatham.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah, born at Harwich:

163. Mary, 12 August 1742; married Joseph COVELL, int. 23 April 1760.
164. Mehitable, 15 October 1744; married Elisha DOANE, Jr., 18 October 1764; died May 1825.
165. Hannah, 23 June 1747; married Samuel ELLIS, int. 7 April 1770.
166. Mercy, 28 August 1749; never married.
167. Sarah (Sally) July 1752; never married; died 24 January 1827.
168. Benjamin, 1754; married Hepsebeth DAGGETT, int. 19 June 1779; married 2nd Sylvia BROOKS 22 March 1798.

References: D. F. vols. 23,24,33 L. N. C-2. Y-2.

57. BARNABAS 4 NICKERSON (Samuel3, Samuel2, William1), born 7 November 1716 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson; died in Harwich before 9 March 1756 when his widow was appointed administrator of his estate.

He was married 7 November 1752 at Harwich by Rev. Edward Pell to MARY 5 NICKERSON (#139), born at Harwich 14 July 1730; daughter of Ebenezer4 (William3, Nicholas2, William1) and Elizabeth (Mayo) Nickerson; died 26 March 1807 at age 84; buried in South Dennis Cemetery. Barnabas was yet another Nickerson who petitioned for a separate South Precinct in Harwich (see #56). He was a whaler.

Child:

169. Barnabas, born 7 March 175-, Harwich; died 1818.

Mary5 married 2nd (int. 21 October 1758) as second wife, BENJAMIN GAGE, son of John and Jane (Tupper) Gage.

Their children — surname GAGE — born at Yarmouth:

Edward, 2 July 1759.
Elkanah, 10 April 1762.
Sylvanus, 22 August 1764.
Elizabeth, 1 August 1766.
Mayhew (Mayo), 3 March 1769.

Benjamin had children John, Patience and Jane by his first wife.

References: E. Bk. 27 F. Vol. 34 L. N. W-2.

58 Rev. JOSHUA 4 NICKERSON (Samuel3, Samuel2, William1), born 16 June 1719 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Samuel and Hannah (Hall) Nickerson; died of cancer August 1791 at Tamworth or Ossipee, N.H.

He was married 30 July 1745 at Harwich by Joseph Doane to THANKFUL ELDREDGE, born at Harwich 29 March 1728; daughter of William and Thankful (Crowell) Eldredge; died at Ossipee, in the fall of 1813.

In 1744, one Elisha Paine, an itinerant minister from Connecticut, inaugurated the Separatist or Anabaptist movement in Harwich. (See #78) At his departure, Joshua took leadership of the group which continued to grow. A church of over 50 members was formed, and in February 1749 Joshua was ordained their interim pastor.

He was also active in the Southside community of Harwich and joined the petitioning for a separate precinct. He was chosen to assist with the business concerning the change-over after the pe-

tition was granted, and was selected to engage Mr. Edward Pell to preach on six week probation. (See #56). He removed to Tamworth, N.H. in 1772.

Children, born at Harwich:

170. Rebecca, 3 June 1746; married Winthrop SMART.
171. Elizabeth, 22 July 1747; married Thomas BURGESS, Jr., 31 October 1765; died February 1812.
172. Reuben, 21 January 1748; married Anna ELDREDGE 31 December 1767; died about 1828.
173. Thankful, 17 November 1751; married 1st Isaac WEEKS, int. 25 December 1773; married 2nd Benjamin BACHELOR.
174. Jemima, 11 September 1753; married Jonathan BURGESS; int. 29 January 1773; died in New Hampshire.
175. Joshua, 15 November 1755; married Polly COLBY 15 November 1780; died January or February 1843 in Indiana.
176. Mehitable, 20 September 1757; married 1st _____ AMES; married 2nd Ammiel WEEKS; died 10 November 1882, Buxton, N.H.
177. Sheber, August 1759; married Esther ELLIS 27 February 1783; died 27 January 1847, Corinna, Maine.
178. Aaron; married Mehitable NICKERSON; died 27 December 1818.
179. Hannah; married Enoch ELLIS.
180. Drusilla, 1765; married Daniel HEAD; died March 1857.
181. Miriam; married Josiah PARSONS.
182. Deborah; married Jeremiah ELDREDGE.
183. Jonathan, 31 December 1771; married Judith BLAISDELL in January 1793; died June 1858, Albany, N.Y.

References: D. F. vol. 33 L. N. B-2. C-2.

59. SETH 4 NICKERSON — sometimes spelled NICHOLSON — (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born Harwich, Mass., 21 January 1722; son of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson; died before 19 July 1750.

He married at Plymouth, Mass., 7 May 1744 MARGARET MOORE, born at Plymouth. Margaret married 2nd JACOB ALBERTSON of Plymouth 19 July 1750.

Child of Seth and Margaret:

184. Seth, 25 February 1745-6, Plymouth; married Lydia HOLMES of Plymouth 10 December 1767.

References: F. vol. 16 Z-2.

60. MARY 4 NICKERSON (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass., 20 October 1724; daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson.

No further information.

61. PRINCE 4 NICKERSON (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born 8 July 1728 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson.

Prince was mentioned as a nephew in the estate of Samuel3 Nickerson (#22) 9 April 1751. It is possible that he was married, as his uncle Samuel willed him the "3 acres of land where his house now stands".

In 1749 his name appears among the Harwich petitioners for religious tolerance. (See #78). Otherwise his name is not found in the records.
Reference: F. vol. 8 N.

62. ELIBABETH 4 NICKERSON (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born 30 January 1731 at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson.

No further information.

63. LYDIA 4 NICKERSON (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born 1 March 1734 at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson; died 1765-6 at Harwich.

She was married 5 March 1765 at Harwich by Kenelm Winslow, as second wife, to THOMAS 5 HINCKLEY of Chatham, Mass.; born 11 March 1708-9; baptized 22 April 1711 at Brewster (Mass.) Church; son of Thomas4 (Samuel3, Gov. Thomas2, Samuel1) and Marcy (_____) Hinckley.

There were no children of this marriage.

Thomas, a blacksmith, had married 1st RUTH MERRICK 31 March 1726. After Lydia's death, he married 3rd HANNAH SEVERANCE 31 July 1766.

Child by first wife, Ruth — surname HINCKLEY:
i. Seth, born at Harwich 2 September 1730; married Sarah _____ 2 February 1755.

References: E. F. vols. 4,13,17,23,24 L. B-2. C-2.

64. EUNICE 4 NICKERSON (Nicholas3, Samuel2, William1), born 17 September 1736, Harwich, Mass.; daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (_____) Nickerson; death date not known.

She was married, as second wife, to SOLOMON MAKER 16 February 1764 by Thomas Winslow, J.P., in Harwich.

No children of this marriage have been discovered.

From May 23 to November 30, 1758, Solomon, described as "much in service", served in Capt. Samuel Knowles Co., Col. Doty's Reg. at Ticonderoga. From March 31 to November 1, 1760, he was a soldier in Capt. Josiah Thatcher's Co. at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Frequently the Cape Indians would assume the surname of a particular white friend or family. It it said that in this case the name chosen was for God, "our Maker".

Solomon married 1st Sarah ____ about 1753.

Children of first wife, Sarah — surname MAKER:
i. Luse, born 8 April 1754.
ii. Solomon, born 31 August 1757.

References: F. vol. 3 N. C-2.

65. MARTHA 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Hannah (Ellis) Nickerson; died before October 1731.

She married at Eastham, Mass., 30 March 1728-9 JOHN BEE (BEA) of Eastham.

John was a schoolmaster in Chatham 1728, and in Eastham as late as 1745.
He married 2nd MERCY (HARRIS) MULFORD, widow of John of Eastham, 14 October 1731.

Children — surname BEE:
By first wife, Martha—
i. Thomas, born 1730, Eastham; married 8 December 1752 at Eastham, Elizabeth VICKERY; resided Liverpool, Nova Scotia 1769; she died 1768-9.

By second wife, Mercy—
ii. Rebecca, 3 July 1732; marriage int. 20 September 1755 to Michael COLLINS of Truro, Mass.
iii. Mercy, 1 December 1733.
iv. Martha, 5 August 1739; married at Eastham 20 March 1760, Eleazer SMITH.
v. Jane; marriage int. October 1762 Eastham to Thomas SNOW.

References: A. M-2.

66. HANNAH 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Hannah (Ellis) Nickerson.

Her father's will directed that she should be under the care of her mother and brother, William. She is recorded as unmarried in 1735 and probably never married.

References: A. E. vol. 35

67. DAVID 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born 171- probably at Chatham, Mass.; son of William and Hannah (_____) Nickerson; died before 1750 when his widow is mentioned in town records.

He married 30 September 1731 at Eastham, Mass., ELIZABETH MAYO, born 29 September 1712; daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth (Doane) Mayo.

David lived in Chatham on land given to him by his father on the east side of the road "leading to the Stage". He was employed as a schoolmaster in 1730 for one year at 30 pounds, and in 1738 for a year at the rate of 50 pounds.

At the Chatham town meeting 15 January 1750, it was voted "to allow the widow of David Nickerson what she was rated for her son's poll in said Nickerson's bill". The will of William3 Nickerson names his son David and grandsons, Daniel and David.

Children, born at Chatham:
185. Daniel, 173-; married Nancy _____.
186. David, 173-.

Elizabeth married 2nd on August 27, 1751, as fourth wife, JUDAH ROGERS of Harwich, born 29 December 1704; son of Judah and Patience (Lombard) Rogers; he died 4 or 10 May 1773, aged 69. Judah had married 1st on December 12, 1728 Patience COLE, born 8 December 1706; daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Cobb) Cole; married 2nd Susanna ROGERS 14 June 1741; married 3rd Lois YOUNG 24 November 1743.

Child of Elizabeth and Judah — surname ROGERS:
i. Judah, born 1753 at Harwich; married Rebecca LOTHROP 3 October 1778; died 23 October 1845 at age 92.

References: A. E. L. N. I-2.

68. ELIZABETH 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Hannah (Ellis) Nickerson; unmarried in 1735.

No further information.

69. SARAH 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), daughter of William and Hannah (____) Nickerson of Chatham, Mass.

Before 1735 she married THOMAS ASH of whom we find no records.

She was named in her father's will, 1735, as Sarah ASH.

Reference: E.

70. WILLIAM 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), son of William and Hannah (____) Nickerson.

He married (int. 28 January 1738-9) at Yarmouth, HANNAH 4 BAKER, born at Yarmouth; daughter of Jonathan3 (John2, Francis1) and Elizabeth (____) Baker.

Children, born at Chatham:
187. Jerusha, 21 November 1739; married Nathaniel COVEL, int. 3 April 1756.
188. Barzilla, 8 March 1743; was of Rochester, Mass.
189. Jonathan, 13 April 1747.
190. Azubah; married Nathaniel SNOW, Jr., 13 October 1761.

References: C. D. F. Vol. 4 Z-2.

71. RUTH 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Hannah (Ellis) Nickerson; was a minor in 1735.

No further information.

72. ZILPHA 4 NICKERSON (William3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Hannah (——) Nickerson; death date not found.

She married (intentions 8 November 1740) at Yarmouth, Mass., THOMAS BAXTER, born 17 December 1710 at Yarmouth; illegitimate son of Thomas Baxter and Hannah Crowell.
"Births of the children of Hannah Crowell which she saith she had of Thomas Baxter, late of Yarmouth:

Thomas, 17 December 1710.
Cornelius, 30 November 1712.
Leahr, 17 December 1715.
Malachi, 30 April 1718." (C)

Thomas resided in Carmel, New York in 1762. This was near the Oblong. (See #39)

Children of Zilpha and Thomas BAXTER, born at Yarmouth, now Dennis:
i. Benjamin, 20 September 1741; married 1765 Elizabeth RYDER, who died 1 March 1827. He died 17 October 1812. His home was in the present South Dennis where the Library now stands. (1973) Eleazer Nickerson (#52) was guardian of his son, Benjamin, non compos mentis, and sold part of the property for the boy's support on Feb-

ruary 3, 1814. Eleazer was also executor of the estate.

ii. Reuben, 21 May 1745; married Elizabeth CROWELL 31 October 1765. Reuben died 14 August 1818, and she died 13 December 1834; both are buried in South Dennis Cemetery.

iii. Stephen, 1 July 1748; received a severe head injury on a whaler and became insane.

iv. Ruth, 5 June 1751; married ____ SWAIN at Nantucket, Mass. 1768.

v. Thomas, 3 September 1755; married 6 December 1790 Prudence BAKER, born 31 October 1768; daughter of David and Jane (____) Baker. Thomas and Prudence, of Providence, R.I., sold their right in her father's estate to Freeman and Sylvanus Baker 26 September 1819.

vi. Zilpha, 1 October 1758.

References: A. C. E. Deeds Bk. 2 H. I. (Baxter Family) U-2.

73. ELIPHAS 4, also called ELISHA, NICKERSON (John3, John2, William1), born 7 March 1706 at Chatham, Mass.; son of John and Mary (____) Nickerson; died before 28 August 1786 at Argyle, Nova Scotia.

He married DESIRE 5 NICKERSON (#248), born 5 February 1718 at Chatham; daughter of Thomas4 (Thomas3, William2, William1), and Lydia (Covell) Nickerson; death date not known.

Eliphas lived in Harwich, but moved back to Chatham, his birthplace, before 20 January 1758 when he carried records of the births of his sons Elisha and Daniel to be placed on the records there. By 1764 he had moved, and was one of the original proprietors in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. As early as 1769 he lived in Argyle, N. S., when it was known as "Abutuck". Simeon Perkins wrote him a letter in March 1781 asking to buy his 12-acre lot in Liverpool. (M-2) On August 28, 1786, Eliphas' children made over to their brother, Hugh, all their father's real estate in Argyle.

It might be noted here why so many went to Nova Scotia at that time. After the expulsion of the Acadians, the British Government was anxious to attract settlers to the lands they had vacated. In 1758 Gov. Lawrence issued a proclamation and offered immigrants transportation, free farms, and partial support until their crops were under way. Cape Cod fishermen were accustomed to this area where fish were plenty, and found the offer very tempting. Also a number of Cape Cod men had become acquainted with the area through their military service there. Families from all along the eastern shores of Massachusetts accepted the terms, and from 1760 to 1763 over fifty families from Chatham alone emigrated to that region — primarily to Liverpool and Barrington. The History of Chatham (A) lists those who went in 1760. Nickersons included were Ebenezer, Jr., Jonathan, Elkanah, Daniel, Nathan, William 3rd, James, Elisha and Elisha, Jr. — to Liverpool; Caleb, Prince, Richard and Joshua, brothers, Eldad and Stephen, half-brothers — to Barrington.

Children:

191. Daniel, 3 March 1736, Chatham; married 1st Annie ____; married 2nd Abigail HOBBS December 1771; died 18 January 1801. He settled in Litchfield, Maine.
192. Elisha, 3 January 1741-2.
193. John, 14 October 1745, Harwich; married Thankful LONG 20 July 1769.
194. Sarah, 174-, Harwich; married Nathan KENNEY in June 1764; died 25 March 1847, Nova Scotia.
195. Rhoda, 1750, Harwich; married Jonathan CROWELL 28 April 1769; died after 25 July 1832.
196. Desire, Harwich; married Israel DOANE 17 December 1772, Barrington, N.S.; died 28 March 1835.
197. Hugh, 8 August 1754, Harwich; married Sarah ALLEN 13 February 1777, Argyle, N.S.; died there 18 November 1818.
198. Didama, Harwich; married Benjamin ROBERTS.

References: A. D. F. vols. 5,33 I. (Doane Genealogy) C-2. E-2. M-2.

74. MARY 4 NICKERSON (John3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of John and Mary (——) Nickerson; was unmarried in 1762.

No further information.

75. ELIZABETH 4 NICKERSON (John3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of John and Mary (——) Nickerson; unmarried in 1762.

No further information.

76. BETHIA 4 NICKERSON (John3, John2, William1), born 1714-15 at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of John and Mary (——) Nickerson; died 7 August 1759 in 45th year.

She never married. The gravestone in Oldest Burying Ground, Chatham, reads "Bethia Nickerson".

References: A E. Bk. 12 F. vol. 5. E-2.

77. ————4 NICKERSON (John3, John2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of John and Mary (——) Nickerson; died before 1745.

She married PRINCE 4 YOUNG, born 1 May 1723 at Harwich, Mass.; son of John3 (David2, John1) Young; died 14 February 1812 at Chatham.

Prince married 2nd LYDIA MAYO, born 29 January 1722-3; daughter of Judah and Mary (Hamilton) Mayo; died in May 1807.

Child by first wife — surname YOUNG:

i. Patience, 18 December 1742; married 15 December 1765 Calvin HAMMOND. Intentions state that she was of Chatham and he of Dartmouth, Mass. The marriage record says that he was of Rochester, Mass.

NOTE: Patience and her parents are not positively identified and we are left with an unresolved problem.

John Nickerson, in his will dated 27 May 1762, refers to his daughters, Mary Nickerson and Elizabeth Nickerson. His third daughter, Bethiah, had died in 1759 and her gravestone reads, "Bethiah Nickerson" We must assume, then, that none of these daughters were married when Patience was born. Yet the History of Chatham (A) states that "a daughter of John Nickerson married Prince Young and left a daughter Patience". It is possible that it was an unrecorded fourth daughter, who died and "left" a daughter. We have presented it this way.

Without naming the parents, John says, in his will, "to my grand-daughter Patience Young 6 pounds when she is of marriageable age in lieu of what her mother would have had". Patience would have been under 21 at that time, and both grandparents, as well as Bethia, had died. Possibly Prince raised Patience, who may have been the illegitimate child of Bethia.

The children of Prince are all recorded for a wife, Lydia, and Patience is listed as the first child, born on the date above. The next child, born 27 January 1746-7 was named Prence. (F) There were other children by Lydia.

References: A. E. F. vols. 24,34

78. WILLIAM 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born 15 May 1701 at Chatham, Mass.; son of William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; died February 1763, probably at Chatham. About 1723 he married SARAH COVELL; daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Bassett) Covell; birth date not discovered; she died before 22 November 1790 when noted in Chatham records as deceased. It is written of William's death that he "drowned in a creek out of a canoe last week and is not found yet". His estate was proved 3 May 1763 and lists books, guns, a sword, spinning wheels and yarn, a mare, oxen, 2 heifers, 11 sheep, 10 lambs, his land at Monomessett Neck (now Nickerson Neck) with all the buildings thereon.

In the division of his estate, 24 July 1772, Sarah received a woodlot in Harwich near Great Long Pond . . . and a part of Monomesset Neck — "the west end with the buildings thereon — land runs into the Bay ((Pleasant Bay) and near Salt Pond."

William was thought to be somewhat of a religious fanatic and joined the new movement of "Separatists" or "New Lights". This sect, which first appeared in Connecticut and grew rapidly, were seceders from the established Church. They entertained more liberal views, believing, among other things, that a true preacher need not have a formal education and that the mode of performing the baptismal rite should be a matter of personal choice. They objected strenuously to being taxed for the support of the ministers of the Standing Order, and submitted many fruitless petitions requesting to be relieved from this tax. On refusal to pay the tax some highly respectable men were imprisoned in Barnstable jail. In the 1740's, Joshua, William and Samuel Nickerson of Harwich were active in this movement.

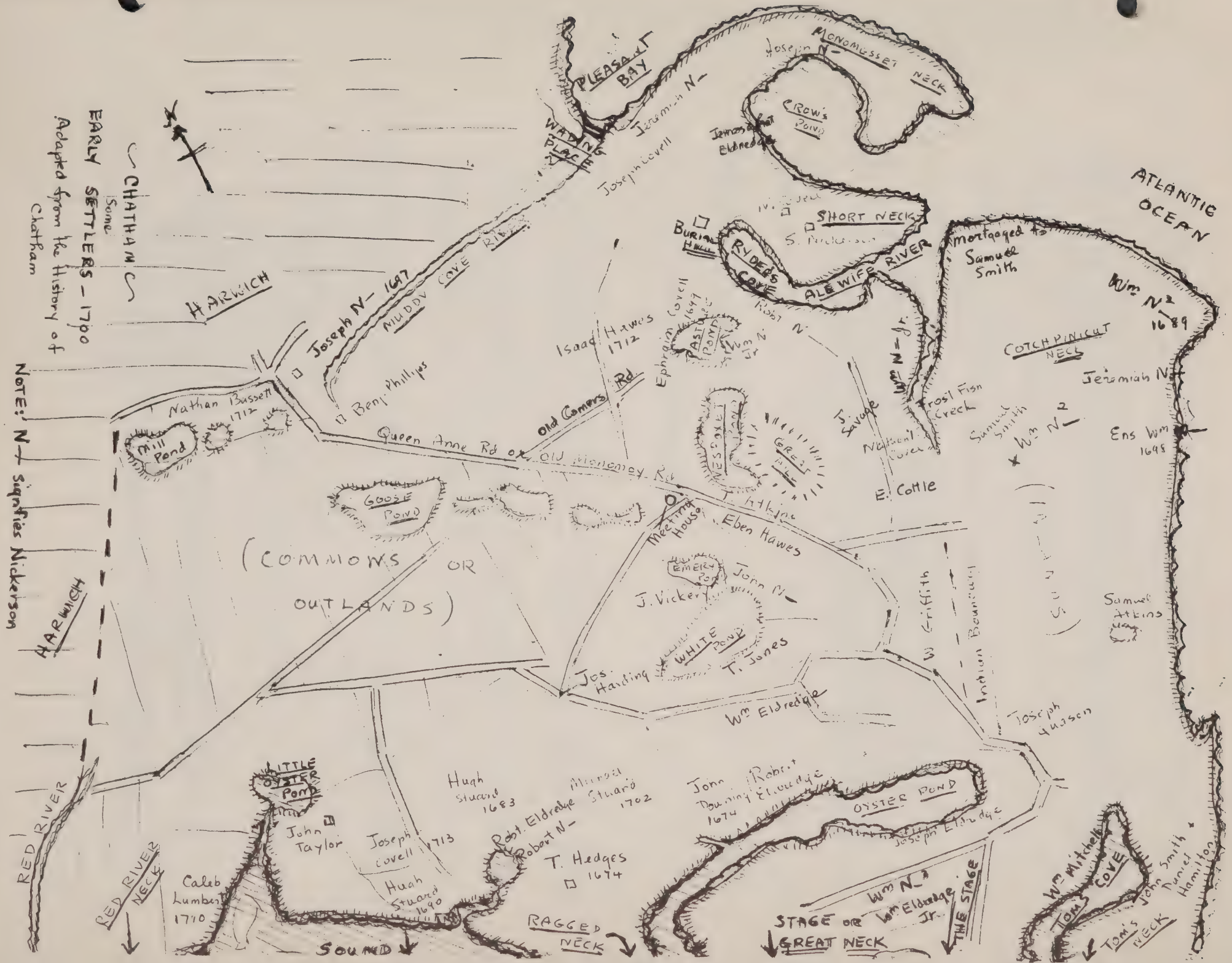
For a reason we have been unable to uncover, he was known as William "Red Stockings". One example — "Chatham Rrecords April ye 18, 1739. I ye widow bassit of Chatham do oblige my self to you William Nickerson red stocking of said town if I can't find or make more by any means by your wife or find it my self I do forfit two coverleds of like sort said witness our hands — Nathan bassit, Nathaniel Bassit. Mary Bas x sit her mark" (D) It is conceivable that Mary was Sarah's maternal grandmother.

Children, all born at Chatham:

199. Absalom, 12 November 1724; married 1st Sarah _____.
200. Stephen, 1 October 1726; married Dorcas NICKERSON (#270) 1750; married 2nd Martha (HALLETT) ADAMS 17 March 1782; died June 1801, Barrington, Nova Scotia.
201. Deliverance, 11 June 1728; married Ebenezer ELDREDGE about 1742; died 25 April 1808.
202. James, 24 April 1730; married Mehitable COVEL, Jr., 9 November 1749; res. Connecticut; died before June 1781.
203. Mercy, 7 May 1732; married 1st Heman KENNEY 25 August 1752; married 2nd Joshua ATWOOD; res. Barrington, N.S.; died after 1805.
204. Elizabeth, 15 May 1735; married Archelaus SMITH 16 July 1752, Chatham; res. Barrington, N.S.; died 24 April 1824.
205. William, 24 February 1736; married 1st Martha ELLIS, Jr., 28 November 1755, Harwich; married 2nd Roxanne HOPKINS 8 September 1784; died in Maine.
206. Lumbart, 14 May 1739; married Eunice RIDER 22 February 1759; died 14 February 1804; no children.
207. Susanna, 1 June 1741; married Isaac HOWES 11 March 1762 as second wife; was living in 1804, a widow.
208. Joshua, 7 August 1743; married Deborah (RYDER) ROGERS 15 May 1763; died 1785; no children
209. Gideon, 14 March 1745; married Sarah BEARSE 30 August 1764, Chatham; res. Barrington, N.S.; died 11 October 1811.

References: A. D. E. vols. 10, 13, 20 F. vol. 9 I. (Doane Family) N. U. E-2

79. JAMES 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born about 1704 at Chatham, Mass.; son of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; death date not known; his estate was settled 5 December 1757 at Danbury, Connecticut.


EARLY SETTLERS – 1700
Adapted from the History of Chatham
CHATHAM
Same
NOTE! N – signifies Nickerson
HARWICH
HARWICH
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RED RIVER NECK
PLEASANT BAY
WADING PLACE
Jeremiah N–
Joseph Covell
MONOMOSSET NECK
Joseph N–
CROW'S POINT
Jonathan Eldredge
SHORT NECK
S. Nickerson
Burial Hill
RYDER'S COVE
ALE WIFE RIVER
Robt N–
Mortgaged to Samuel Smith
ATLANTIC OCEAN
Wm N² 1689
COTCHPINICUT NECK
Jeremiah N
Frost Fish Creek
Samuel Smith
Wm N²
Ens Wm 1698
Wm N–Jr.
J. Savage
Nathan'l Cole
E. Cottle
GREAT POND
WESCOTT
T. Atkins
Eben Hawes
Meeting House
Joseph N–1697
MUDDY COVE RIV
Isaac Hawes 1712
Ephraim Covell 1697
PASTURE POND
Wm Jr N
Old Comers Rd
Queen Anne Rd or Old Monomoy Rd
Benj Phillips
Nathan Bassett 1712
Mill Pond
GOOSE POND
(COMMONS OR OUTLANDS)
EMERY POND
John N–
J. Vickery
WHITE POND
T. Jones
Jos Harding
Wm Eldredge
Griffith
Indian Boundary
Samuel Atkins
Joseph Hudson
LITTLE OYSTER POND
John Taylor
Joseph Covell 1713
Hugh Stuard 1683
Robt Eldredge
Robert N–
Hugh Stuard 1690
Caleb Lumbert 1710
T. Hedges 1674
Hugh Stuard 1702
John Downing 1674
Robert Eldredge
OYSTER POND
Joseph Eldredge
Wm N–
Wm Eldredge Jr.
STAGE OR GREAT NECK
THE STAGE
RAGGED NECK
SOUND
Wm Mitchell
TOM'S COVE
John Smith
Daniel Hamilton
Tom's NECK

He married DORCAS COVELL, born 1714 at Chatham; daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Bassett) Covell; died 1803, "ae more than 90 years" at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

James' estate names his wife, Dorcas, all the children, and Thomas Nickerson (#271) who married daughter, Mercy. The mother was appointed guardian of Samuel, Ezra and Dorcas, minors, in 1757. Joseph was appointed guardian of Eliphaz in 1757. Son William was administrator of his brother Joseph's estate in 1764.

The family moved to Ridgefield in 1747. (See #39)

Children, born at Chatham:

210. Mary or Mercy, about 1731; married Thomas NICKERSON (#271) 18 April 1752 at Chatham.
211. Joseph, about 1734; unmarried; res. Danbury; estate proved September 1764.
212. William, about 1736; res. Oblong, N.Y. (See #39)
213. Eliphaz, 1739-40; married Sybil NORRIS; died between 1791 and 1798.
214 Samuel, 1741-2; married 2nd Lydia (PHILLIPS) RIDER, int. 2 August 1787.
215. Ezra, 1745-6; married; was of Ridgefield in 1784 and of Katerskill, N.Y. in 1788.
216. Dorcas, 24 August 1748, probably at Ridgefield; married Jonah OSBORN 5 October 1767; died October 23, 1825.

References: D. L. Q. A-3. vol. 3 B-3.

80. JOSHUA 4 (William3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson.

He was of age in 1734, and was living in 1739.

No further information.

81. ELIZABETH 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; died before 13 September 1739, the date of her father's will where she is called deceased.

She married THOMAS ATKINS, born about 1700; son of Thomas, grandson of Henry; death date not known; his estate was administered in Chatham 6 November 1770.

Thomas married 2nd on May 14, 1741, THANKFUL SNOW, daughter of Ebenezer and Hope (Horton) Snow.

Elizabeth's father named the two children "of Elizabeth deceased" in his will dated 13 September 1739. He stipulated that Thomas be appointed guardian of minor son, Thomas, who inherited Elizabeth's share of property.

Children — surname ATKINS, born at Chatham:

By first wife, Elizabeth —

i. Thomas, 1727-8; married Ruth COVELL who died 1760; he died 30 June 1757. Ruth married 2nd Prince NICKERSON (#253) in 1759.
ii. William, 1732; died young.

By second wife, Thankful —

iii. Elizabeth, 6 March 1742; married David SMALLEY, int. 18 June 1768.
iv. Hope, 19 February 1744; unmarried; died 29 January 1808.
v. Isaac, 2 June 1746.
vi. William, 17 August 1748; married Lydia NICKERSON 27 April 1776.
vii. Susannah, 26 December 1753; married Edward SNOW 11 January 1776; died 1776.

References: A. E. Bk. 6

82. MERCY 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; died before October 1735 when Seth remarried.

She married 13 April 1727 at Chatham SETH PADDOCK, born 13 March 1704-5 at Yarmouth, Mass.; son of Robert; death date not found.

Seth married 2nd on October 10, 1735 ZERVIAH STORRS, daughter of Capt. Thomas Storrs of Mansfield, Conn.; died 3 January 1737-8. He married 3rd on February 17, 1744-5 RUTH ARNOLD, daughter of Lt. Robert Arnold of Mansfield.

Children — surname PADDOCK:
By first wife, Mercy —
i. Deliverance; married Prince STORRS; lived in Mansfield in 1755.
ii. Zachariah: lived in Middleton, Conn. in 1755. He and Deliverance were named in the will of William Nickerson as his grandchildren, children of his daughter Mercy, deceased. Zachariah, Prince and Deliverance Storrs sold one-eleventh part of Monomesset (now Nickerson's) Neck property to William 12 May 1755.
By second wife, Zerviah —
iii. Mary, born at Mansfield; died young.
iv. Zerviah (and still-born twin) born 27 December 1737; died 3 March 1743-4.
By third wife, Ruth —
v. Seth, born 5 April 1746.

References: E. vol. 6 U. L-3.

83. DELIVERANCE 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born 1711-12 at Chatham; daughter of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; died 3 or 5 September 1788 at Homes Hole (Tisbury) Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; buried in Crossway Cemetery, Tisbury.

She married before 1739 ABRAHAM 4 CHASE, born 14 February 1716 at Tisbury; son of Abraham3 (Isaac2, Thomas1) and Abigail (Barnard) Chase; died before 5 May 1752 when his widow was appointed administrator of his estate.

Abraham was a trader. His estate inventory was valued at 183 pounds.

Children — surname CHASE, born at Tisbury:
i. Abigail, 1738; marriage int. to John BURGESS 26 November 1758.
ii. Elizabeth, 1740; married Matthew MERRY 24 December 1767; died 2 May 1818.
iii. Mercy, 17 February 1743; married 5 December 1765 Jethro ATHEARN, Jr.; died 27 July 1820.
iv. Timothy, 22 June 1745; married 23 November 1773 Rebecca BASSETT; died 28 April 1818.
v. Benjamin, 1747.
vi. Mary, January 1749; married 1st Nathaniel KETCHUM 17 January 1769; married 2nd Joseph MERRY 18 June 1778; died 26 August 1843-4.
vii. Deliverance,, 1751; married 17 January 1773 Charles EDMUNDSON.

References: Z. C-3.

84. CALEB 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born 1713 at Chatham, Mass.; son of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; died 18 December 1749 at Chatham; probably buried in Queen Anne Cemetery with Mary.

He married about 1732 at Chatham, MARY GODFREY, born 4 September 1711 at Chatham;

daughter of Moses and Deborah (Cook) Godfrey; died 24 April 1782; buried in Queen Anne Cemetery, Chatham.

The children of Caleb, a yeoman, were all minors when he died at the early age of 36. Mary was appointed guardian of the children and, with George Godfrey, co-administrator of Caleb's estate which was valued at 2280 pounds. Since he died intestate, the record reads, "Real estate cannot be divided among all his children without great prejudice to or spoiling of the whole and the half being divided to Mary . . . Joshua eldest son of the deceased to pay to his brothers and sisters their ratable parts of the appraisal, the sum of 21 pounds 11 shillings and 10 pence each. . ." His real estate included land in both Chatham and Harwich.

Mary married 2nd SETH SMITH, son of John, 18 November 1756.

Children of Caleb and Mary, born at Chatham:

217. Joshua, 27 May 1733; married Esther RIDER, 15 December 1754; died 16 April 1821.
218. Deborah, 27 October 1734; died 18 January 1735.
219. Caleb, 2 April 1736; married Elizabeth MAYO 4 May 1758; died 31 December 1804.
220. Moses, 25 February 1739; married Rebecca ATKINS 19 July 1762.
221. Richard, 3 February 1741; married Sarah NICKERSON; died 15 November 1774, Barrington, N.S.
222. Mary, 29 June 1744; m. int. to Jonathan BUCK 18 Aug. 1764.
223. Elizabeth, 10 March 1745; married Jeremiah ELDREDGE, Jr., 17 August 1767.
224. Deborah, 24 March 1747; married John HARDING 4 Feb. 1768; died 15 March 1839.

References: A. D. E. vol. 7 F. vols. 11, 13, 15.

85. NATHANIEL 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Ens. William and Deliverance (Lombard) Nickerson; was under age in 1734; died of small pox 4 February 1766, at Chatham.

About 1738 he married his cousin THANKFUL 4 NICKERSON (#97), born at Chatham; christened 9 October 1709; daughter of Thomas3 (William2, William1) and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died after 1788.

He received one-eleventh part, with the other children, of his father's estate 25 March 1744.
A deed dated 28 August 1760 reads, "Nathaniel Nickerson of Chatham and Thankful his wife deed to Benjamin Collings, Jonathan Collings, Jr., and Ruth Collings widow of Sylvanus Collings all of the land in Truro that came to us through mother Mary Nickerson, deceased".

The estate of Nathaniel Nickerson, tanner, proved 1 April 1766 was administered by Nathan Bassett. In the division of the estate 27 February 1767, the widow Thankful was allowed her third and the account included expenses to Lumba Nickerson for nursing, and allowance to the widow 10 March 1767 of two-thirds of real estate sold. Final accounting was made 12 July 1768.

In an agreement between Elijah Smith and the widow Harding, the latter "is to have 5 pounds 8 shillings for keeping the widow Thankful Nickerson one year from 11 June 1788".

Children, all born at Chatham, and recorded with the town clerk, James Covel, by the mother 15 May 1751:

225. Bangs, 7 Sept. 1739; died Orleans, Mass., 1796.
226. Mary, 29 April 1742; m. Nathaniel GOULD 14 Oct. 1792.
227. Thankful, 26 August 1745; m. int. 16 January 1768 to Joseph SMITH.
228. Nathaniel, 6 March 1747; m. Hannah BURGESS 31 January 1771.
229. Jonathan, 26 May 1750; m. Sarah GODFREY 3 Nov. 1772.
230. Elisha, 175-; died 25 January 1766 of small pox.

References: A. E. Bks. 10, 13 F. vols. 7, 11 O-2.

86. ANNA 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of William and second wife, Anna (Atwood) Nickerson; died before 1756.

She was married 13 July 1738 at Chatham by Joseph Doane, J.P., to JONATHAN 4 CROWELL, born 11 January 1713 at Yarmouth, Mass.; son of Isaac3 (Thomas2, Yelverton1) and Ruth (_____) Crowell; died at Barrington, Nova Scotia before 20 December 1769, the date his son David was appointed guardian of his sisters Azubah and Deborah.

Jonathan married 2nd ELIZABETH PARKER 17 October 1756. About 1762 they were living in Barrington. After Jonathan's death, Elizabeth returned with her three children to Cape Cod, and was appointed their guardian.

Children — surname CROWELL:

By first wife, Anna —

i. Mary, 14 October 1740 at Yarmouth; married, as third wife, Prince NICKERSON (#253) 12 March 1761; died 26 October 1830 at Port Clyde, N.S.

ii. David, 10 March 1743-4; married Lydia SMITH.

iii. Jonathan, 1 May 1746; married Rhoda NICKERSON (#195) 28 April 1769 at Argyle, N.S.; died there 7 December 1815.

iv. Azubah, 17 February 1748-9.

v. Deborah, 4 June 1751.

Azubah and Deborah, minors, were not in Nova Scotia when their brother was appointed their guardian in 1768. They may have returned to Cape Cod.

vi. Anna, also called Joanna, 15 October 1753; probably died young.

By second wife, Elizabeth —

vii. Ruth; under age 14 in 1768.

viii. Sylvanus; under age 14 in 1768; bapt. May 1763 at West Yarmouth Church; married Betty (Elizabeth) BEARSE of Barnstable, int. 1 March 1783; died at West Yarmouth 8 March 1803.

ix. Freeman; under age 14 in 1768.

References: A. F. (Descendants of Yelverton Crowell) S-2.

87. DEBORAH 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), daughter of William and second wife, Hannah (Atwood) Nickerson; birth and death dates not found.

She married 19 October 1742 WILLIAM PADISHALL (BADESHALL), born at Eastham Mass.; son of William of Truro, Mass., and May (Atwood) Padishall, whose intentions were published 8 July 1718.

When the estate of Deborah's brother, William, was settled 19 June 1764, there was a debt due William Padishall for the support of their mother, Hannah Atwood Nickerson, who, having married again, was then "Widow Bearse".

Children — surname PADISHALL (BADISHALL):

i. William, 19 December 1745; married Hannah DOANE 1 May 1765; went to Orrington, Maine, about 1790.

ii. Deborah, 3 March 1750.

iii. Mary, 1 August 1755, Chatham, Mass.; married Seth CROWELL, Jr., 8 November 1774.

References: A. E. F. vol. 28 E-2.

88. ELDAD 4 NICKERSON (William3, William2, William1), born 1723 at Chatham, Mass.; son of Ens. William and Anna (Atwood) Nickerson; died after 1770 at Fish Point, Nova Scotia.

He was married 31 October 1744 at Eastham, Mass., by Rev. Isaiah Lewis to MARY CAHOON, born 172- at Eastham; daughter of James and Mary (Rich) Cahoon; died at Liverpool, N.S. after April 1782.

The family moved to Barrington, N.S., and lived at Fish Point. Eldad was one of the first grantees of the Township. (see #73) He was Justice of Peace, and was engaged in carrying freight and passengers in his schooners, "Sally" and "Roxbury".

Children, all born at Chatham:

231. Anna, 20 August 1747; married John SHERMAN 27 June 1767, Rochester, Mass.; died 1771-2 at Fish Point, N.S.
232. Mary, 17 September 1749; married Joseph CUNNINGHAM 1 February 1774, Boston, Mass.
233. Eldad, 21 October 1751; unmarried; died 1771-2 at Fish Point, N.S.
234. James, 1753; married 1st Hannah DEXTER 28 November 1776; married 2nd Widow Rachel DEXTER.
235. Salome, 175-; married Jonas GIRDLEY 15 July 1779.
236. Jesse, 1759; married Lydia DEXTER about 1781; died 18 May 1847.
237. Elizabeth, 1761; married Benjamin FREEMAN 7 July 1782.
238. Lucy, 1763; married Capt. Nathaniel ATKINS 14 April 1782.
239. Deborah; married William MC LEOD, Nova Scotia, as second wife.
240. Naomi; married _____ SPEARS.

Mary married 2nd PELEG DEXTER, born Rochester, Mass., 16 April 1722; died at Liverpool, N.S., 29 December 1780. Simeon Perkins Diary reads, "Saturday December 30 1780 — By Jacob Jones from the Cove we understand that Mr. Peleg Dexter was accidentally killed last evening by bringing a Back load of wood on his back. He was found dead on a small piece of ice and had blead, by report, near two gallons." On 22 April 1782 Mary released her dower to Isaac Dexter, son of Peleg, for 9 pounds.

Peleg had married 1st Catherine CROSBY 19 February 1743 at Niverpool, N.S. Vital records show three children born at Rochester, Mass. — surname DEXTER:

i. John, 27 June 1745.
ii. Elisha, 10 July 1747.
iii. Jesse, 18 May 1750.

Elisha and Jesse were drowned or lost at Liverpool 15 March 1761.

References: A. D. F. vols. 11,24,29 H. (Liverpool V.R.) L. E-2. M-2. N-2. S-2. D-3.

89. JONATHAN 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born about 1689-90 at Chatham, Mass.; baptized 9 October 1709, First Parish Church, Harwich, Mass.; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; death date not found.

He married 1st about 1718 JANE (Jean) COVEL, daughter of Nathaniel and Judith (Nickerson) Covel; died about 1728.

He married 2nd SARAH COLLINS, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Vickery) Collins. Jonathan is recorded as of Harwich in 1735 but by 1742 he had moved to Provincetown, Mass., where he was selectman in 1749.

The will of Jane's father, Nathaniel Covell, written 19 September 1746, names the children of daughter Jane, deceased — Judith Gray, Jean Gage, Jonathan Nickerson, and grand-daughter, Doty Nickerson.

Children, born at Chatham:

By first wife, Jane —

241. Judith, 9 April 1720; married William GRAY 8 October 1741.
242. Jane (Jean), 9 April 1722; married Elisha GAGE.
243. Jonathan, 14 January 1723-4; married Susanna (ATKINS) ELDREDGE 26 March 1774, Chatham; d. 1810.
244. Simeon, 10 April 1727; died before 19 Sept. 1746.
245. Data (Doty); married Solomon ELDREDGE 25 April 1752.

By second wife, Sarah —

246. Seth, 28 May 1734; married Martha ATWOOD; died 10 September 1789.
247. Phineas, about 1738; married Susanna SMITH 21 April 1756, Truro, Mass.

References: A. D. F. vols. 4,5,12,17. C-2. E-2. H-2.

90. MERCY 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born 1694-5; daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died 10 May 1760 (or 3 May 1761 in 66th year — gravestone); buried Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth, Mass.

She was married 23 March 1714 at Chatham by Rev. Hugh Adams to SETH 3 CROWELL, born at Yarmouth, Mass., 8 September 1690; son of Thomas2 (Yelverton1) and Deborah (——) Crowell; died 10 May 1769 in 79th year; buried in Ancient Cemetery.

Seth, of Yarmouth, swore to testimony of his daughter, Elizabeth Bassett, that her husband had deserted her and she petitioned the court to marry again 20 March 1741-2.

Children — surname CROWELL:

i. Elizabeth, born 5 February 1714-15 at Chatham; died 19 April 1718.
ii. Elizabeth, born at Yarmouth; married 1st Daniel BASSETT 1 July 1735; married 2nd Hezekiah MARCHANT.
iii. Thankful, 31 July 1724 at Yarmouth; married Jonathan HALLETT 1745; died 12 November 1807.
iv. Seth, 7 August 1726 at Yarmouth; married Mary SEARS 15 January 1746-7; admitted to Brewster Church 5 October 1766.
v. Lot, 8 April 1730, at Yarmouth; resided in Yarmouth; married 1st Hannah HAMBLIN 1 December 1747; married 2nd Hannah BERRY 9 November 1788; died 20 March 1809.

References: C. F. vols. 9,13. I. (Descendants of Yelverton Crowell) R. vol. 9 O-2. T-2. F-3. G-3.

91. THOMAS 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass., 24 December 1696; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died after 1766.

He married 1st May 16 1716, LYDIA COVEL, born at Chatham 12 July 1701; daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Stewart) Covel; died 18 October 1750 at Chatham.

He married 2nd Mrs. SARAH CROWELL, widow of John; intentions recorded 5 July 1751.

He was married 3rd by Rev. Stephen Emery 26 December 1763 to Mrs. BETHIA (HAWES) HARDING, born July 1701; daughter of Isaac and Bethia (Howes) Hawes, and widow of Maziah Harding. He lived at Cotchpinicut Neck and was selectman for 5 years.

Children by first wife, Lydia, born at Chatham, as recorded by Thomas Nickerson, town clerk:

248. Desire, 5 February 1718; married Elisha4 (John3) NICKERSON. (#73)
249. Thomas, 28 February 1720; married Dorcas SPARROW 6 May 1742, Eastham, Mass.; estate proved 20 June 1800.
250. Lydia, 30 March 1722; died 15 August 1722.

251. Lydia, 16 February 1724; married Thomas SNOW 5 September 1773, Nantucket, Mass.
252. Ansel, 2 May 1727; marriage int. to Bathsheba SMALL 21 May 1748, Harwich, Mass.
253. Prince, 10 August 1729; marriage int. to Lydia CAHOON 7 October 1750; married 2nd Ruth COVELL 22 August 1759; died 1 January 1812, Port Clyde, Nova Scotia.

References: A. F. vols. 4, 15, 17

92. William 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born between 1698 and 1700 at Chatham, Mass.; baptized at Brewster Church 9 October 1709; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died at Ridgefield, Conn., date not found; his will was written 27 February 1759 and proved 9 May 1761.

He married 1st, about 1718-19, TABITHA _____.

He married 2nd BETHIA HARDING, daughter of Joseph and Dinah (Hedges) Harding; died before 1738-9.

He married 3rd SARAH BASSETT, born 1707 at Yarmouth, Mass.; daughter of Joseph and Susannah (_____) Bassett.

William and his brother, Nathaniel, of the Oblong, N.Y. (see #39) settled in Ridgebury, Conn., which was added to Danbury, Conn., in 1731. Nathaniel's twins, Nathan and Nathaniel, and William's children by Sarah, were recorded in 1732 as born in Danbury.

The migrations to the Oblong began as early as 1732, and later some families sold their claims there to buy land along the Croton River in Dutchess County, N.Y.

The will of Joseph Harding, dated 1738-9, proved in 1745, names the children of daughter, Bethiah Harding, deceased — Hatsel, Nehemiah, Enos, Tabitha and Bethia.

The will of William Nickerson of Ridgefield names John, his eldest son, the next eight children, "my last wife Sarah, executor . . . our three children William, Iranah and Barach — and if she have any more, it shall have it's equal portion with my other children by my first and present wives . . . and Dinah's share to be divided equally among her children . . . wife to have surplus of whole after debts are paid". He was survived by his wife and 8 of 12 children.

Child by first wife, Tabitha:
254. John, born in 1720 at Chatham; was living in 1757.

Children by second wife, Bethia, born at Chatham:
255. Hatsel; married Hannah MYRICK 22 March 1744; died 11 March 1793, by drowning.
256. Tabitha; married Scarlet GILLS, int. 24 April 1747; died January 1753 at Eastham, Mass.
257. Nehemiah, 1725; married Hannah NICKERSON (#138) 23 January 1747; died 31 January 1804 at Provincetown, Mass.
258. Bethia, about 1726; married Noah DOANE 17 December 1755; died 16 April 1812 at Dana, Mass.
259. Enos; married 2nd Elizabeth ELLIS 17 October 1769; died before 1790 at Harwich, Mass.
260. Dinah; married _____; died before 1757.
261. Abijah.
262. Sarah; married David ROCKWELL, Jr. 28 December 1779, at Ridgebury, Conn.

Children by third wife, Sarah, born at Danbury:
263. William; married _____; lived in Litchfield, Conn., in 1790.
264. Iranah; married Joyce TAYLOR; was of Danbury in 1800.
265. Barach; married Rebecca MOREHOUSE 14 December 1779 at Ridgebury; died there 12 May 1823.
266. Jonathan, born after February 1759, the date of William's will. Sarah was apparently

pregnant when the will was written, as William says, "and if she have any more . . ." Jonathan married Sublimity MURDOCK (or BLACKMORE); died in Byron, N.Y. 183-.

References: A. D. E. (Will of Joseph Harding) L. Q-2. A-3. vol. 3 B-3. H-3. I-3. M-3.

93. EBENEZER 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born about 1700 at Chatham, Mass.; baptized at the Brewster Church 9 October 1709; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; probably died at Chatham, date not found; his will, written 25 March 1762, was proved 12 April that year.

He married CONSTANT COVELL, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Bassett) Covell.

Ebenezer, a husbandman, was Captain of the Military Company at Monomoit as early as 1734. He and his son Ebenezer were backers and members of the newly formed religious group called Separatists, New Lights or Anabaptists in 1749 but, with the other members, were not exempt from paying a poll tax for support of the established ministry until 1755. (See #78)

He left his wife all his "household goods and within door moveables . . . and the use and improvement of all my estate . . . . 1 cow, 1 swine and 5 sheep"; to his sons Ebenezer, Seth, Nathaniel and Thomas 10 shillings "exclusive of what they already had"; to son Constant 13:6:8 at age 21; to sons Timothy, Uriah and Constant his land and building and all his stock, tools and debts due. The total value of the inventory was 468:16:0. He did not mention his only daughter, Dorcas, in the will probably because she had removed to Nova Scotia with her husband and he did not expect her to return to the Cape.

His wife, Constant, as one of the executors of his estate, rendered account in 1772. She may have removed later to Phillips Patent (The Oblong), New York, as records show that a 1 pound tax was raised on the estate of Constant Nickerson there in 1777.

Children, born at Chatham, listed in order of the will:

267. Ebenezer; married Mehitable GRAY 24 February 1746 at Harwich; died 14 May 1778 at Liverpool, Nova Scotia.
268. Seth; married Mary _____; date of will 5 May 1798, Franklin, N.Y.
269. Nathan; married 1st Abigail ELDREDGE 17 May 1749; married 2nd Susanna (GODFREY) COLE 8 October 1761; died before 1793, Franklin, N.Y.
270. Dorcas; married Stephen NICKERSON (#200) about 1750; died after 19 December 1787.
271. Thomas; married Mercy (Mary, Marcy) NICKERSON (#210) 18 April 1762 at Chatham; died before 24 December 1801, Clinton, N.Y.
272. Uriah; married Hannah SMITH 17 April 1760 at Chatham; died 1814, Connecticut.
273. Timothy; married Elizabeth FARRIS 8 May 1766 at Yarmouth, Mass.; died before 30 March 1790.
274. Constant; married Phebe (NICKERSON #249) NEWCOMB 11 November 1773; died before January 1827, Readfield, Maine.

References: A. D. E. vols. 13, 17 F. M-2.

94. EDWARD 4 NICKERSON (NICKOSON) (Thomas3, William2, William1), born about 1700 at Chatham, Mass.; baptized 9 October 1709 at Brewster Church; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died about 1754 at Harwich, Mass.

The spelling, Nickoson, was sometimes used by this family and was also used in some records.

He was married 24 February 1724-5 at Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone to THANKFUL CO-

VELL, born 1707 at Chatham; daughter of Ephraim and Mercy (____) Covell; died of "numb Palsey" at age 88 in Harwich 19 August 1795.

Edward lived on the "Southside" of Harwich and was among the petitioners for a separate precinct there. (See #56) He was collector of taxes in 1746-7. When the new Meeting House was built Edward "took the pew on the south side of the west door" paying the sum of 7 pounds.

In his will he left to his "beloved daughter Thankful" his land north of the Neck (Fear's), the swamp northward of Grassy Pond (near Harwich Center), the Neck westerly of Burying Hill, and an equal share with the daughter, Mary, in Cold Brook (Andrew's River tributary) adjoining his land. His grandson, Covil Nickerson, was to inherit the Neck property after daughter Thankful's death, "also my gun, my sword and one of my steel traps".

Children, all born at Harwich:

275. Marcy, 31 January 1725; married Thomas COVELL 25 January 1753-4, Harwich; died there 12 February 1803.
276. Mary, 10 August 1728; died 22 November 1736.
277. Thankful, 10 June 1731; unmarried; died 2 July 1814.
278. Abigail, 4 December 1733; married Jonathan COVEL, int. 9 July 1752; died 6 June 1790.
279. Covil, 19 April 1737; married 1st Deliverance SMALL, int. 15 February 1760; married 2nd Rebecca THOMAS, int. 12 March 1791.
280. Edward, 27 August 1739; married Hannah COVEL, int. 10 October 1761; died before 1 Dec. 1772.
281. Thomas, 12 February 1743; married Hannah HALL 31 October 1765; died 29 March 1789.
282. Mary; married John ELDREDGE, Jr., 31 October 1765; died before 1782.
283. Anna, 1750; married Samuel NICKERSON (#155) 10 January 1771; died 22 March 1841.
284. Seth, 11 January 1751; married Deborah WEEKS, int. 16 March 1771; died 3 April 1784.

References: A. E. F. vols. 1, 8, 24 L. C-2.

95. NATHANIEL 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born 1702-4 at Chatham, Mass.; christened at Brewster Church 9 October 1709; son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died between 1769 and May 1770 at Phillips Patent, The Oblong, N.Y.; buried in the private burying ground on his farm at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

He married HANNAH (? HAMBLIN), died after Nathaniel in New York and also was buried in the private burying ground.

Nathaniel moved from Chatham to Ridgefield, Conn., and then migrated with others just across the state line to The Oblong in Putnam Co. New York. (See #39) He and others from Chatham sold their claims there and bought land along the Croton River in Dutchess Co. N.Y. before 1747. Slightly to the north, he settled on his farm at Poughkeepsie.

He deeded his property to his son, Nathaniel, in 1769. The widow was made executor of his estate 10 May 1770. His will was witnessed by John Yeamens, Johnson Yeamens and Nehemiah Bayly.

Children, in order named in the will:

285. Issacher, about 1730, Fairfield, Conn.; married Elizabeth ____; res. Franklin, N.Y.; died before 26 December 1803.
286. Nathaniel, 10 October 1732, Danbury, Conn.; married Annice (Eunice) ? SELLICK; died Phillips, N.Y. 1769-70.
287. Ephraim; married Sarah KNIFTON.

288. Nathan, 10 October 1732 (twin to Nathaniel); married Abigail ____; died before 1790.
289. Thomas; res. Fredericksburg, N.Y. and New Brunswick.
290. Edward, 174-, near Danbury; married Sarah DANE 24 December 1761; died 1825.
291. Joseph; married 1st Martha NOBLE; married 2nd Sarah ____; died in 1796 at Waterborough, New Brunswick.
292. Ruth, 1736; unmarried in 1766; res. Fairfield, Conn.
293. Hannah; married ____ BAYLEY before 1766.

References: D. L. J-3. K-3. Z-3. vol. 21

96. MARY 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), born 1706-7; baptized 9 October 1709 at Harwich Church, Harwich, Mass.; daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; death date not known; was living in 1735.

She married in 1725 EDWARD 3 ELDREDGE, born 17 July 1702 at Chatham; son of Jehosophat2 (William1) and Elizabeth (Covell) Eldredge; died 1730.

Mary was named as a widow in her father's will written in 1735.

Children — surname ELDREDGE:
i. Mary (Mercy); married Eliphalet HAMILTON 23 February 1761. She must have died within the year, as Eliphalet married 2nd Elizabeth KENNEY 26 April 1762.
ii. Anna.

References: A. D. F. vol. 4 Q. Q-2. N-3.

97. THANKFUL 4 NICKERSON (Thomas3, William2, William1), christened 9 October 1709; daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson; died after 1788.

She married her cousin, Nathaniel NICKERSON (#85), which see.

98. EXPERIENCE 4 NICKERSON (Nathaniel3, William2, William1), recorded as "of Chatham"; daughter of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stuart) Nickerson; died at Sherburn (Nantucket), Mass.; date not found. Her will is dated 8 May 1783.

She married 12 February 1726-7 at Chatham, Mass., Deacon THOMAS 3 PARKER of Falmouth, Mass.; born 14 September 1698; son of Thomas2 and Mary (Jenkins) Parker; died 22 May 1772 (in the 74th year — gravestone, Old Falmouth Cemetery). Experience received her dower 9 March 1773.

Deacon Thomas, elected in 1740, served 8 years as a selectman in Falmouth.

In his will which was written 1 May 1771 and proved 21 July 1772, Thomas left his wife, Experience, "all indoor moveables — with Negro, Rebecca and her child, Prince, and also best cow and 10 sheep . . . . to 2 grandsons, Jesse and Thomas, heirs of Thomas, deceased, woodland . . . . . to Daughter in law Sarah, widow of son Thomas, improvement of east room and bedroom in my dwelling house . . . . as long as she remains a widow . . . . to Son Nathaniel . . . my dwelling house, except part left to Sarah . . . to Daughters Jerusha and Mary each, a wood lot . . . ." To others he left sums of money — son William $1, grandson Aaron 4 pounds, grand-daughters Catherine, Abigail and Sarah "6 pounds 13 shillings 4 pence when they become 18 or marry", and son Silas 50 pounds. He directed that the Executors were to "dismiss my Negro Paul when at 30 years of age, if living, and to send him out free with suitable apparel". Son Nathaniel and Thomas Landers, executors.

Children, from the will of Thomas — surname PARKER:

i. William, about 1728; married and left heirs; was living in 1771; died before 8 May 1783.

ii. Jesse, about 1730; married Mrs. Hannah CHADWICK, int. 12 November 1751; lived in Rochester, Mass.; had son Aaron and daughter, Bethia; died before 1 January 1761, probably lost at sea.

iii. Thomas (Jr.), about 1732; sea captain; married 15 February 1759 Sarah LAWRENCE, born about 1735, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Landers) Lawrence; had sons Jesse and Thomas, and daughters Catherine, Abigail and Sarah. Thomas died before 1778, probably lost at sea. Sarah married 2nd Jonathan[4] HANDY, int. 28 March 1778; son of Cornelius[3] and Abigail (Landers) Handy. Their two children were Nymphas and Mary. Sarah died after 14 May 1781.

iv. Capt. Timothy, about 1734; married 12 February 1762 Rachel GORHAM, daughter of John; died in 36th year on August 8, 1769; buried in Old Granary Cemetery, Boston, Mass. Rachel married 2nd Moses SMITH of Sandwich, Mass.

v. Nathaniel, about 1736; married Tabitha GILL 4 June 1772; died before 8 April 1777 at Eastham, Mass.

vi. Jerusha, 23 March 1740; married, at Falmouth, Mass., 11 March 1764 Thomas[4] LANDERS, born 24 March 1734-5 at Falmouth; son of John[3] (John[2], Thomas[1]) and Content (Nye) Landers; died 19 November 1809 at North Fairfield, Maine. Jerusha died 23 January 1814 at North Fairfield.

vii. Mary, about 1740; married _____ LAKE.

viii. Silas, about 1743; sea captain; married 11 December 1766 at Nantucket, Mass. Phebe GARDNER, daughter of Daniel and Provided (Allen) Gardner; died New Bedford, Mass., 4 January 1832. Silas died at New Bedford 20 February 1823.

References: E. Bk. 17 H. Jan. and July 1970 B-2. G-2.

99. MERCY[4] NICKERSON (Nathaniel[3], William[2], William[1]), born 1710; daughter of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stuart) Nickerson; died at Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. 11 September 1786 in 77th year.

She married 5 March 1732 in Falmouth, Mass., as second wife, ABRAHAM[3] CHASE, born 10 January 1683; son of Isaac[2] (Thomas[1]) and Mary (Tilton) Chase; death date not found but his will was proved March 1764. He married 1st ABIGAIL BARNARD in 1709.

Mercy and Abraham lived in Tisbury. After his death she married 2nd THOMAS WINSTON.

Children by first wife, Abigail — surname CHASE.

i. Mary, 1710; married Reuben BUNKER 23 September 1731.

ii. Eleanor, 8 October 1712; married James LONG 29 November 1734.

iii. Abigail, 30 October 1714; married John WHELDON.

iv. Abraham, 14 February 1716; married Deliverance NICKERSON (#83); died 1752.

v. Timothy, 23 July 1717; probably remained single.

vi. Hannah, 15 May 1725; married 1st John FERGUSON 21 September 1742; married 2nd Christopher LUCE 28 March 1769.

Children by second wife, Mercy:

vii. Valentine, 15 June 1735; married Eunice CHASE; died before 1761.

viii. Zaccheus, 15 June 1737; married 1st Hannah BUTLER 22 February 1759; married 2nd Mrs. Deliverance (CAHOON) DAGGETT, died at sea 1778.

ix. David, 4 June 1739; died 18 October 1739.

x. Waitstill Mercy, 9 April 1741; married 1st John WEST 3 July 1758; married 2nd Jeremiah CRAPO.

xi. Margaret, 21 May 1750; married Samuel LOOK 11 April 1769; died 10 October 1815.

Reference: Z.

100. NATHANIEL 4 NICKERSON (Nathaniel3, William2, William1), born about 1718; son of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stewart) Nickerson; died 16 December 1793, age 75, at Falmouth, Mass.

He married (int. 21 June 1742) at Falmouth, Mass., RUTH YOUNG, born about 1725 at Chatham; daughter of John and Dinah (Harding) Young; died 5 May 1795 at Falmouth.

Nathaniel was a selectman in Falmouth. Elected in 1756, he served 7 years.

Children, baptismal dates, Falmouth — used name, NICHOLSON:

294. Benoni, 6 January 1744; was living in 1773.
295. Elijah, 21 September 1746; married Anna KENDRICK, Jr., 31 October 1770; was living in 1773.
296. Nathaniel, 18 March 1750; died young.
297. Ruth, 19 May 1754; married Elnathan HANDY 5 May 1780, Harwich, Mass.
298. Molly, 21 September 1755; married Josiah Crocker SNOW about 1794.
299. Zipporah, 13 March 1757; married Rev. Isaiah MANN 8 March 1780.
300. Isaiah, 25 February 1759; married Phebe BEARD 21 December 1781.
301. Nathaniel, 22 January 1764; was living in 1773.

References: A. Z.

101. SAMUEL 4 NICKERSON (Nathaniel3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stewart) Nickerson; birth and death dates not found; estate was proved 12 August 1771 at Chatham.

He married 1st on July 5, 1744, JANE HUNT, bapt. 18 August 1723 at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; daughter of William and Jane (Tilton) Hunt; death date not known.

He married 2nd ABIGAIL BURGESS, born 22 August 1720; daughter of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Burgess; died 10 February 1802. Abigail had married 1st JOHN PEASE 24 May 1739.

Samuel is recorded as living in Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard where he was occupied as an innkeeper from 1749 to 1753. From there he removed to Boston. He may have returned with his brother Shubael to Chatham where he died, or he may first have gone back to Martha's Vineyard.

Children by first wife, Jane:

302. Jane, born at Chilmark; married 1st Robert THOMPSON 15 January 1768; married 2nd Richard HELLMAN 3 July 1775.
303. Beriah.
304. Nathaniel, bapt. 24 February 1751, Rochester, Mass.; married Lydia HELLMAN 21 September 1780.

Children by second wife, Abigail:

305. Abigail, 22 November 1754; married Benjamin BASSETT 22 January 1778; died 12 September 1841.
306. Samuel, 11 July 1757; married Jane NORTON.

References: A. Z. D-3.

102. SHUBAEL 4 NICKERSON (Nathaniel3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stuart) Nickerson; death date not found.

He was married 23 December 1748 in Chatham by Thomas Winslow to MARY HAMILTON, born 4 March 1728 at Chatham; daughter of Samuel and Bethia (Stewart, Stuart) Hamilton; death date not found.

After his marriage, Shubael removed to Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. In 1753 he was living

in Boston, Mass. Apparently having no means of support, he, his wife and three children were "warned" from that city that year.

Children:
307. Katherine, 25 December 1749, Tisbury.
308. Samuel, 13 March 1751; estate administered 2 August 1776.
309. Job, 1 January 1753; may have removed to New York.

References: A. F. vol. 4 C-3.

103. TEMPERANCE 4 NICKERSON (Nathaniel3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; daughter of Nathaniel and Katherine (Stewart) Nickerson; death date and place not found.

She married 1st ENSIGN 5 ROGERS, born 9 July 1729 at Harwich, Mass.; son of Eleazer4 (John3, Joseph2, Thomas1) and Martha (Young) Rogers; died before March 1759. The intentions of this marriage were recorded thus: 13 January 1753 at Chatham (F. vol. 13, pg. 28); 5 August 1755 at Chatham (F. vol. 13, pg. 29); 28 July 1755 at Harwich (C-2). Josiah Paine says that Temperance was "a single woman in 1755" and "in difficulty". Ensign, a mariner, went out in the expedition to Crown Point, N.Y. in Capt. Lawrence White's Company of Barnstable, and served from September 12 to December 23, 1755.

Ensign's estate was insolvent and was administered by Temperance and her uncle, Thomas Nickerson (#28), who were appointed 6 March 1759. Temperance was named guardian of minor sons, Thomas and Ensign, 6 May 1760.

On April 23, 1759, Ensign's father, Eleazer, willed one third of his estate to the "heirs of Ensign Rogers — viz; Thomas and Ensign".

Children of Temperance and Ensign ROGERS:
i. Thomas, 175-, Harwich.
ii. Ensign, 175-, Harwich.

Temperance was married 2nd in Harwich by Kenelm Winslow on July 11, 1762, to WILLIAM SNOW of Rochester, Mass.; born 31 July 1728; son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (_____) Snow. She was his second wife. He had married 1st Priscilla RICHMOND of Middleboro, Mass., 11 January 1753.

Children of Priscilla and William SNOW:
i. Mary, 27 September 1753.
ii. William 11 February 1755.
iii. Thomas, 12 October 1757.

References: E. F. vols. 6,13,34 L. C-2.

104. JAMES 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died before January 1755.

Little is found about James other than the fact that he was a grandjuryman in 1732.

On May 15, 1729, his father deeded all his property at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) to his sons James, Robert, Sylvanus and Elkanah, reserving the use and improvement to himself and his wife. James was not mentioned in his father's will dated 16 January 1755. Finding no other record of him, we presume that he had died.

Reference: A.

105. ROBERT 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died, presumably, before 1755.

He was married 17 September 1728 at Eastham, Mass., by Mr. Samuel Osborn to MERCY COLE, born at Eastham; daughter of Daniel and Mercy (——) Cole; death date not found. Marriage intentions dated 23 August 1728 state that both were of Eastham.

Robert and his brothers James, Sylvanus and Elkanah received deeds from their father to all his land, probably in the Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) area, on May 15, 1729.

Robert was not mentioned in the father's will dated 16 January 1755, which suggests that he had died. The will of Daniel Cole, 27 February 1712, identifies his daughter, Mercy.
We find no record of children of this marriage.

References: A. E. F. vols. 16,28

106. SYLVANUS 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; son of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died before January 1755.

He received a deed of land, probably at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor), from his father 15 May 1729 with his brothers James, Robert and Elkanah. He was not mentioned in his father's will later — 16 January 1755 — so quite possibly had died before that.

Records show that his taxes were abated in 1742. We find no evidence of a marriage.

Reference: A.

107. MERCY4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; birth and death dates not known.

She married 1st on September 21, 1725 at Chatham, Mass., JONATHAN GODFREY, born at Chatham; son of Moses and Deborah (Cook) Godfrey; death date not known; his estate was administered 18 March 1729.

Jonathan was a whale fisherman and was recorded as "of Harwich" in the marriage record in 1725. He may also have been a shoemaker since his estate inventory included shoemaker's tools and lasts. His father, Moses, a yeoman, and his wife, Mercy, were appointed administrators of his estate 18 March 1729. His father's will, written in February 1741-2, refers to his deceased son Jonathan's children, Caleb, Jonathan and Rebecca, and leaves them 30 shillings each. Jonathan may have been lost at sea.

Mercy married 2nd at Nantucket, Mass., 3 April 1735 STEPHEN KIDDER, born 10 October 1697 at Charlestown, Mass.; son of Stephen and Mary (Johnson) Kidder. Stephen, also a whaleman, may have been on Nantucket where he could sign up for whaling voyages.

Children of Mercy and Jonathan — surname GODFREY:

i. Caleb, born at Chatham; married Mary PINKHAM at Nantucket 24 December 1752.
ii. Jonathan, born at Chatham; was on petition for pay, having been pressed into service at Fort George, Maine, 8 April 1759; moved to Liverpool, Nova Scotia in 1760, but is not found in the Vital Records.
iii. Rebecca, born 6 March 1726-7; married James BURRAGE at Nantucket 21 August 1768.

Children of Mercy and Stephen — surname KIDDER — born at Nantucket:

i. Anna; married, as first wife, Jonathan PERRY 15 December 1770; she died "12th day, 7th month 1780"; there were no children.
ii. Abigail, bapt. 29 July 1739, First Congregational Church; married, as first wife, Sylvanus ALLEN 8 January 1757.

iii. Hepzibah, bapt. 29 July 1739, First Congregational Church; marriage int. to Michael FLYNN 31 October 1767.
iv. Mary, bapt. 12 July 1742, First Congregational Church; married John SMITH 2 April 1767.
v. Stephen, bapt. 31 October 1742, First Congregational Church; married Eunice KNOWLES March 1, 1767; died of small pox "22nd day, 4th month", 1800.
vi. James, bapt. 13 October 1749, First Congregational Church; married Anna BAKER 21 July 1774 at Yarmouth, Mass.
vii. child; died "6th day, 2nd month", 1741.

References: A. E. Bks. 4, 6 F. vol. 5 H. Oct. 1972 I. (Descendants of Francis Baker) C-2. E-2. G-2.

108. FEAR 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass.; date not known; daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; death date not found but she was living in 1768 when her daughter, Fear, is recorded as Fear, Jr.

She married ELISHA 3 ELDREDGE, born about 1695 at Chatham; son of Jehosophat2 (William1) and Elizabeth Covel (daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Nickerson Covell); died before 20 October 1789.

Children, born at Chatham — surname ELDREDGE:
i. James, January 1733; married Priscilla HARDING 26 October 1758; died 18 May 1804.
ii. Elisha (Jr.), about 1745; married 1st Mary RYDER 17 December 1767; married 2nd Elizabeth (TREAT) GROSS 2 March 1782.
iii. Nathaniel, 15 September 1751; married Elizabeth RYDER 9 February 1775; died 7 February 1829 at age 78.
iv. Fear (Jr.); married 1st Elisha DUNBAR of Hingham, Mass. 10 March 1768; married 2nd Jonathan RIDER 3 November 1781.
v. Jane.
vi. Sarah; married 1st Abner ELDREDGE (both of Chatham) 19 April 1762; married 2nd Nathaniel GODFREY (both of Chatham) 16 November 1769.

References: A. E. vol. 9 F. vols. 9, 13, 15, 17, 24 E-2. Q-3.

109. ELIZABETH 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass; date not known; daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died before 1755.

She married 1st on June 19, 1733 PETER RAY, born 2 January 1710-11 at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass; son of Peter and Tabitha (Newcomb) Ray; death date not known. They lived in Nantucket.

She married 2nd, as second wife, ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM of Edgartown, later of Chatham. He had married 1st on February 8, 1732-3, HANNAH COVEL, daughter of Nathaniel and Judith (Nickerson) Covel.

From Chatham records dated January 28, 1741, Elizabeth Ray and her two children were warned (as wards of the town) to "depart the town" by Ebenezer Nickerson, constable.

Children of Elizabeth and Peter — surname RAY:
i. Joseph.
ii. Peter.
iii. Elizabeth.

References: E. vol. 9 F. vol. 4 Z. G-2.

110. REBECCA 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, Wiiliam1), born at Chatham, Mass; daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, date not known.

She married, about 1741, JOHN HOPKINS, born 29 April 1719 at Eastham, Mass; son of Elisha and Experience (Scudder) Hopkins; death date not known.

John and Rebecca lived in Eastham briefly, in Chatham about 1742 to 1750, in Dartmouth, Mass. about 1750, and were in Liverpool, N.S. in 1762 where John was a proprietor.

John's father, Elisha Hopkins, owned much land in Chatham and Harwich. According to his will written 29 January 1741 this land was bequeathed to his children: to John, all lands and swamps westward of the way leading to the Stage; to Elisha, the house and land adjoining the land given to John; to Barzillah, land and meadows north to the road by Ensign William Nickerson's; to Mary, land on the east of the road by the land given to Elisha; to Experience, land at Sipson's Island (Pleasant Bay); to John and Elisha equally, land and cedar swamps at Stage Neck; to John, Barzillah and Elisha equally, a lot at Red River Neck and all other lands.

Children — surname HOPKINS, born at Chatham:

i. Elisha, 26 October 1743; "Capt. Elisha Hopkins, shipmaster, trader, fisherman, Justice of the Peace . . . married November 22, 1766 Sarah DOLLIVER, daughter of Samuel and Mary Dolliver, had at least 11 children. He was lost at sea 1807." (M-2)

ii. Sylvanus, 11 February 1744.

iii. Abigail, 1 October 1746; married Isaac JOICE 15 December 1776 at Liverpool, N.S.

iv. John, 5 September 1750; "Capt. John Hopkins, Jr., . . . one of the best pilots on the coast from Cape Cod to Labrador, married 6 August 1774 Susanna JONES, daughter of James and Susanna Jones of Liverpool. 8 children. He died about 1812". (or 1821 ?) (M-2)

v. Seth; "Thursday October 14, 1790 — I understand Seth Hopkins is missing and supposed to be drowned. He went from Mr. Parker's wharf as it was setting in dark. He appeared to be in Liquorer and paddled away his Boat Setting in the Stern. The boat was found near Verge's Point last evening. The Paddle was missing. A boy of Widow Rebecca Freemans saw a Boat a drift near the flats on the other side and imagined he heard some Noise like a person in the Water, about the time Hopkins left Parkers wharf . . . . Friday November 5, 1790 — The body of Seth Hopkins who was drowned the evening of the 13th of October last, was found this morning, drove on shore, directly within the Great Rock towards Sandy Cove. I believe there was no Inquest taken, as the Body was so disfigured that it could be of little Service. The body was buryed in the Burying Ground." (M-2)

References: A. F. vol. 10 E-2. M-2.

111. ELKANAH 4 NICKERSON (Robert3, William2, William1), born 14 February 1721-2 at Chatham, Mass; son of Robert and Rebecca (Jones) Nickerson; died before 1778.

He was married in Eastham, Mass. 18 October 1742 by Joseph Doane to BATHSHEBA SNOW, born 4 October 1723 at Eastham; daughter of Ebenezer and Hope (Horton) Snow; died before 1778.

Elkanah and his brothers received land, probably at Cotchpinicut (Old Harbor) through a deed in 1729 from their father. He was sole executor of his father's will and then also received a woodlot, February 4, 1755.

On the Chatham Rate Bill of 1755 he is listed — Poll 1, Real estate 16, Personal 2. In 1760 he was a private in the Company raised in Chatham and Harwich to fight against Canada.

About 1762 he was living in Liverpool, Nova Scotia". (See #73)

Children, all born at Chatham:

310. James, 3 June 1742; married Rebecca HARDING 25 December 1766; died 29 February 1808, New York.
311. Rebeckah, 19 February 1743; married Solomon YOUNG 18 March 1762.
312. Anne, 25 June 1745.
313. Robert, 19 August 1748.
314. Sylvanus, 9 December 1750; married Dorcas — perhaps Dorcas DYER STEWART.
315. Azubah; married Moses LEVET 22 November 1777, Liverpool, N.S.
316. Priscilla; married Henry PINE 16 August 1781, Liverpool, N.S.

References: A. F. vols. 4, 10, 11, 17, 29 H. April 1972, vol. 25 L. E-2. M-2.

112. JOSHUA 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), born at Chatham, Mass; son of Jeremiah; death date not found; his will was proved 17 March 1756.

He married VERONICA MORGAN, born in Delaware; daughter of William. They lived in Dover Hundred, Kent County.

Joshua's father, Jeremiah (#34) apparently was among the leaders of emigrants from Cape Cod to Duck Creek (now Smyrna), Delaware in 1711. He left his land, stock and tobacco plantation to Joshua.

There seems to be no question that they both managed their affairs with much success as is evidenced in the will of Joshua dated 8 March and proved 17 March 1756 at Dover, Delaware, as follows;

To son George 4 tracts of land, one purchased of John Clayton, sheriff, and others called "North Hamton", "Tenhend"(?) and "Morgan's Outlet" — the last two bought of George Morgan (probably Veronica's grandfather); 6 negro slaves and one bay horse. To son John — the land his father left him, a parcel purchased from John Buckmaster, and one called "Joshua's Lot", 8 negro slaves, one horse and 100 pounds from Bonds due his estate. To John and George equally — parcels of land on the east side of Ripe Ebun (?) Branch, next to the Landing and southeast of Little Creek, plus his livestock and the rest of his estate. To grandson John Marion (Marim), son of Ruhamah and Charles, 60 pounds; and to grand-daughter Elizabeth Marion, 330 pounds. To daughter Ruhamah, "my chest of drawers" and "I have portioned her off Pritty Well Before . . ." Charles Marim and son, George, executors.

Children:
317. George, born in Delaware; probably unmarried; his will was proved 14 February 1760, Delaware.
318. John; Arthur Doz(?) named his guardian until age 18; "or if he won't accept, Charles Marim. My Executor shall Deliver him his Estate after the Age of Eighteen Years."
319. Ruhamah; married Charles Marion (Marim).
320. Veronica; probably unmarried.

References: L. R-2.

113. JOSEPH 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), born Kent Co., Delaware; son of Jeremiah; death date not found, but his will, dated 18 March 1729, was proved 11 April 1730.
He married Mary ———.

Joseph inherited 13 acres of land at Murder Creek from his father, Jeremiah. (See #34). In his will Joseph left to one Joseph Barger "a certain Tract of Marsh lieing on ye Murderkill Creek containing thirteen acres which my Father Jeremy Nickerson Bought of Randall Donovan and willed it to me . . ." He left his wife, Mary "the remainder of my whole estate . . . my children to have at the age of 12. . . Twelve Month Schooling at a Good School. . . ." If Mary should marry and the children be "adopted by a Father-in-law then my Brother Joshua Shall have the liberty to take them Away and Dispose of them as he thinks fitt."

No connection, by marriage or otherwise, has been discovered to explain Joseph's bequest of the family land to a Joseph Barger rather than to his wife who he named as "Sole Executor", or to his sons through his brother, Joshua, to whom he committed their welfare. It is possible that Barger may have married an unrecorded daughter or a grand-daughter of Joseph. Joseph's will was signed with a mark and was witnessed by John Barger, Stephen Paradee and John Wilson.

Children:

321. Nehemiah, under 12 in 1729; married Deborah ———; res. Egg Harbor, N.J. 1738.
322. Jeremiah, under 12 in 1729.

References: L. R-2. Q-3.

114. LYDIA 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), daughter of Jeremiah and ——— Nickerson. See #34. No further information.

115. RUHAMAH 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), daughter of Jeremiah and ——— Nickerson. See #34. No further information.

116. PRISCILLA 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), daughter of Jeremiah and ——— Nickerson. See #34. No further information.

117. MARY 4 NICKERSON (Jeremiah3, Joseph2, William1), daughter of Jeremiah and ——— Nickerson.

See #34. No further information.

Note: Further search in Kent County, Delaware may uncover some records of these daughters of Jeremiah. (#34)

118. JOHN 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born about 1707 at Harwich, Mass; son of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; died 30 January 1794 in Harwich "at his son Bassett's house".

He was married 14 March 1727-8 at Harwich by Nathaniel Freeman, J.P. to DORCAS BASSETT, born at Chatham, Mass; daughter of Nathan and Mary (Crow) Bassett; died 1770. He was called John Nickerson, Jr. on the marriage record.

The will of Mary Bassett, written 5 November 1741 and proved 6 May 1742, leaves daughter Dorcas Nickerson 5 shillings.

Children, born at Harwich:

323. John, 12 June 1730; married 1st Rhoda SMITH 23 February 1764; married 2nd Jerusha (KNOWLES) CROWELL; died Nova Scotia.
324. Abner, 28 April 1732; married Elizabeth BAKER 25 October 1765; died before 4 February 1798.
325. Phineas, 1733; married 1st Jane CHASE, int. 3 December 1756; married 2nd Reliance TAYLOR, int. 15 June 1773; married 3rd Jerusha (HIGGINS) CHASE 29 September 1792; died 16 July 1813.
326. Bassett, 11 November 1739; married Ruth BAKER 3 September 1770; died 26 May 1825.
327. William; married Priscilla WHELDEN, int. 29 August 1761.
328. Asa, 1741; married Joanna ROGERS 20 September 1764.
329. Isaac; married Mary KELLEY 31 July 1792.

330. Christian, 25 January 1750; married Huldah BASSETT 10 March 1774; died before 15 May 1827.

References: C. D. F. vol. 11 I. (Descendants of Francis Baker) L. C-2.

119. RACHEL 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; daughter of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death date not known, but she was living August 16, 1779 when the final account of her husband's estate was made.

She was married at Harwich 19 February 1729-30 by Rev. Nathaniel Stone to THOMAS 4 SNOW, born 15 June 1709 at Harwich; son of Thomas3 (Mark2, Nicholas1) and Lydia (Sears) Snow; died before 28 June 1771 when Rachel was granted her dower.

His will set off to Rachel — "the easternmost part of the Dwelling House from the middle of the chimney all the house and eastward. She allowing the family in the West Room a Priveledge to pass and Repass at the kitchen Door and they Allowing her a Priviledge to bake in the Oven — also Part of Barn called Horse House — also land near dwelling house — beginning at the Corner of the County Road and the Widow Seares Land — southerly about 23 rods . . . . to a crop fence, westerly to the Pond called Thomas Snow's Pond. . . . northerly to Widow Bangs land and so. . . to the County Road . . . also a piece of Woodland laying at Long Pond . . . . Also a piece of meadow laying west of Wings Island . . . . recorded January 24 1774." Appraisal of the estate was made 16 February 1779. The final account showed also 152 pounds 3 shillings and 4 pence to be divided among the heirs, the widow receiving one third. Other amounts were alloted to son Samuel Snow of Marblehead, Mass, Ruth Higgins, the heirs of sons Thomas and Isaac, and daughter Priscilla Whelden. The total value of his lands and buildings was 703 pounds.

Children — surname SNOW — born at Harwich:

i. Samuel, bapt. 17 July 1737; married ———; was of Marblehead, Mass. in 1779.
ii. Ruth, bapt. 17 July 1737; married Jethro HIGGINS 11 March 1755.
iii. Thomas, bapt. 17 July 1737; married 1st Rebecca SNOW 20 January 1752; married 2nd Jane BEA October 1762; was of Portland, Maine in 1777; died 1827.
iv. Silas, bapt. 17 July 1737; was of Harwich; married Rebecca SNOW, int. October 1762, Eastham, Mass. He and his brother, Isaac, were mariners and it must be assumed that they were lost at sea. Both died intestate, leaving their widows with minor children.

Their estates were not settled until their father's estate was divided in 1778. Silas was a so-called West India man, as suggested by his estate inventory — "The house — 40, Leach Field 18, 351 pounds of coffee 105:6:0, 54 pounds of cotton 37; 16:0, 13 pounds Indigo 15:120, cash 89 . . . . land from father's estate 47 . . . . acor of woodland 13". In January 1779, Rebecca received an additional 140 pounds from the inventory and was appointed guardain of the minor children — Rebecca, Margaret, James, Stephen, Rachel and Phebe.

v. Isaac, bapt. 14 September 1740; was of Harwich; married Lucy ———. He was a mariner, was probably lost at sea, and died intestate. His widow, then of Yarmouth, was appointed administrator of the estate in January 1779. The inventory listed only household goods and a cow — total value 112 pounds. Lucy, "left in difficulty to support herself and family was allowed 80 pounds and was named guardian of two minor children — Isaac and Priscilla."
vi. James, bapt. 17 June 1741; not listed in estate.
vii. Barzilla, bapt. 26 October 1746; not listed in estate.
viii. Lydia, bapt. 14 August 1748; not listed in estate.
ix. Priscilla; married Elisha WHELDEN, Jr., int. 23 January 1768.

References E. Bks. 19,20 F. vol. 34 C-2. R-3. S-3. vol. 1

120. LYDIA 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; daughter of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson.

She was married 15 April 1731 at Harwich by Joseph Doane, J.P., to ELISHA WHELDEN, born at Yarmouth, Mass.

Elisha witnessed the will of Samuel Marchant and took inventory of his estate. We find little else recorded about him.

Children — surname WHELDEN, born at Yarmouth, Mass:

i. Mary, 8 April 1732; married 21 December 1752 Thomas WHELDEN of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.
ii. Lydia, 14 July 1736.
iii. Thankful, 4 November 1738; married Timothy COVELL of Edgartown 26 February 1757.
iv. Priscilla, 4 April 1741; married William NICKERSON, Jr. (#327), int. 29 August 1761.
v. Elisha, Jr. 9 April 1743; married 1st Experience RIDER 27 March 1766; married 2nd Priscilla SNOW, int. 23 January 1768; estate administered 1813.
vi. Rachel, 24 June 1745; married Jacob BAKER 26 November 1764; died before 1794.
vii. Elizabeth, 24 November 1748; married Peter MARCHANT 21 February 1766.

References: C. F. vol. 13 L. C-2. T-3.

121. ISAAC 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; son of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death record not found.

He married 19 August 1746 at Yarmouth, Mass. THANKFUL GARMON or GERMAN of Yarmouth. Isaac lived on the "Southside" of Harwich. In 1745 he signed a petition for a separate meeting house there, and in 1746 he was among the signers of a petition which requested that the town be divided into North and South Precincts. (See #78)

His military service at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia in Capt. Jabez Snow's Co. began 2 April 1759. He re-enlisted and continued serving until 8 December 1759. He was named in his father's will in 1759.

No record of children has been discovered.

References: C. D. F. vols. 3, 25 N. C-2.

122. JOSEPH 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass. baptized at West Yarmouth Church, as an adult, 26 June 1791; son of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death date and place not found.

He married 27 November 1746 at Yarmouth, Mass. MARTHA GODFREY, born 6 August 1720; daughter of John and Melatiah (———) Godfrey; death date not known.

Children, born at Yarmouth:

331. James, 9 October 1747; married 19 July 1781 Azubah TAYLOR; died 1794 — lost at sea.
332. Desire, 17 July 1750; married Reuben MARCHANT, int. 3 September 1774, Nantucket, Mass; was a widow in September 1802.
333. John, 9 March 1756; married 20 November 1779 Deborah STUDLEY.
334. Martha, 15 April 1762; married Elisha CASH, int. 15 August 1789.

References: C. D. F. vols. 3, 13, 25 F-3.

123. SILAS 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born 1713 at Harwich, Mass; son of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; died before 1792 at Harwich.

He was married in Harwich 6 September 1738 by Nathaniel Freeman, J.P. to JANE MAKER, born 1713-14, daughter of James, Jr. and Mary (X——) Maker; death date not known.

Silas entered military service in April 1759 and served several enlistments until December 8 in Col. Thomas' Regiment at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

He may have died before February 1787 when records show that his grandson, Stephen Turner, owned land abutting the land of Silas, Jr. in Harwich near the "Watering Place". It is likely that Stephen was raised by Silas and received land or his grandfather's house for taking care of and living with his grandparents. In 1792, Stephen is recorded as agreeing to care for his grandmother, Jane Nickerson, widow of Silas.

An amusing account from Barnstable County Court records is found in the Louisa Nickerson Papers (A-4)—: "Silas Nickerson of Harwich testifies that in company with Nathaniel Covell, Jr., Joseph Nickerson and David West, at Samuel Godfrey's house in Chatham sometime in December last of 1744 and drank part of several mugs of punch made with Rum but called for none nor paid for none nor know of none paid for but took it that he had said Godfrey prescribed him being newly come home and we went from said Godfrey's over the river in a canoe but he saw no blows struck nor heard no blows struck but took notice that when we were into John Covel's house one of Nathaniels eyes was hurt but how it came knows not." "Signed Silas Nickerson, his mark . . . 9th day of January 1744 . . . ."

Children — born at Harwich:

335. Silas, Jr; married Rebecca ROGERS 7 November 1765; his estate administered in 1826.
336. Mary; had an illegitimate son, Stephen Turner, born 1769; married, as second wife, Edward KENDRICK 24 April 1804; died about 1821.

References: D. E. vol. 4 F. vols. 1,23 N. C-2. A-4.

124. WILLIAM 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born about 1707 at Harwich, Mass; son of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death date not found, but his estate was administered 11 July 1738 at Harwich.

This William was unmarried and died at an early age. His father was appointed administrator of his estate 11 July 1738.

Reference: E. vol. 5

125. MARY 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass: daughter of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death record not found.

She was married by Joseph Doane, J.P. 15 September 1743 at Harwich, as third wife, to SAMUEL WEBBER of Yarmouth, Mass; son of Thomas and Mary (Parker) Webber.

Samuel enlisted at Truro, Mass. 28 August 1756 in Samuel Knowles Co. and served at Fort William Henry. He had married 1st HANNAH RIDER in December 1733, and 2nd MEHITABLE SMITH in November 1737.

Mary was named executor of Samuel's will which was written in Yarmouth 3 May 1756 and proved there 17 December 1759. He left Mary all the personal estate and instructions to bring up his children until son Samuel was 21 years old. Daughter Hannah Matthews received 1 shilling, and

the real estate was divided among the other five children.

Children — surname WEBBER — born at Yarmouth:
By first wife, Hannah —
i. Hannah, 1734; married Benjamin MATTHEWS 25 July 1751; died 6 February 1818.
By second wife, Mehitable —
ii. Samuel, 20 February 1743; married Thankful BAKER 6 April 1775 at Barnstable, Mass.
By third wife, Mary —
iii. Isaac, 13 August 1746.
iv. William, 1747; married Sarah CROWELL 3 September 1778.
v. Mary, 1750.
vi. Prince, 1753; married Sarah ———.

References: C. E. Bks. 9,12 F. vol. 25 I. (Matthews Family, Crowell Family) C-2. C-4.

126. PRISCILLA 4 NICKERSON (William3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; daughter of William and Lydia (Maker) Nickerson; death date not known.

She was married in Harwich 24 October 1745 by Joseph Doane, J.P., to GERSHOM WHELDEN, born 9 November 1717 at Yarmouth, Mass; son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Marchant) Whelden; death date not known.

She was referred to as Priscilla Whelden in her father's will in 1760.

Child — surname WHELDEN:
i. Lucy, born 31 July 1749 at Harwich; married Isaac SNOW there 14 May 1772.

References: C. F. vols. 3, 25 C-2. T-3.

127. THANKFUL 4 NICKERSON (Joseph3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; date not known; daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (———) Nickerson; died before 1769.

She married, at Harwich, as first wife, int. 29 July 1732, JOSHUA 4 ELLIS, born about 1711 at Harwich, Mass; son of Manoah3 (Manoah2 John1) and Elizabeth (Atkins) Ellis; death date not discovered, but his estate was administered 30 April 1790 at Harwich.

Joshua was yet another resident of the Harwich "Southside" who signed petitions asking for a division of the town into two precincts. (See #78) It was recorded in 1768 that his rate of 9 shillings 8 pence was remitted to the Separate Church of the Baptist Order.

Children — surname ELLIS, born at Harwich:
i. Nathaniel, about 1734; married Elizabeth WALKER 3 August 1753.
ii. Thankful; married 1st John CROSBY 20 May 1756; married 2nd John AREY, int. 5 February 1757; was recorded as a widow in 1794.
iii. Manoah; married Sarah ELDREDGE 26 April 1753; died at Frankfort, Maine before 1790.
iv. Elizabeth or Betsy; married 1st Enos NICKERSON (#259), as second wife, 17 October 1769; married 2nd Patrick KELLEY, int. 20 April 1782.
v. Mercy; married Joseph BLOSSOM, int. 4 Jan. 1758.
vi. Joseph; married Jemima ELDREDGE 1 December 1760; died 25 March 1808 Springfield, Vermont.
vii. Susannah; married Philip BAKER, int. 4 July 1760.
viii. Azubah: married 24 February 1764 Ebenezer AREY.

References: F. vols. 13, 33, 34 H. vol. 121 L. C-2.

128. DAVID 4 NICKERSON (Joseph3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; son of Joseph and Elizabeth (———) Nickerson; birth and death dates not known.

He married 5 December 1731 at Yarmouth, Mass. HANNAH DASRKERS (This appears to be the spelling. It could be DEXTER — ?); marriage record says that she was of Yarmouth, and he of Truro, Mass.

Child:

337. Abigail, born in Massachusetts; married, as second wife, Barnabas TWINING, Jr. 22 January 1762.

References: C. F. vol. 3

129. BETHIA 4 NICKERSON (Josiah3, Joseph2, William1), birth date and place not known; daughter of Josiah and Rachel (Maker) Nickerson; died, a widow, 1 June 1797 at Yarmouth, Mass.

She was married 24 February 1736 at Yarmouth by Rev. Josiah Dennis to SAMUEL 5 MARCHANT, Jr., born 27 October 1711 at Yarmouth; son of Samuel4 (Abishai3, John2, John1) and Joanna (Gage) Marchant; his will was written 10 February 1777 and proved 28 February 1785 at Yarmouth. Samuel's father, whose will was proved 5 April 1757, left him one acre of land "lying within the field", and 5 shillings. He named sons Nathaniel, Samuel, Hezekiah, Jabez; daughters Mary Studley, Joanna Baxter; and minor children of his deceased son, Lemuel—Rowland, William, David and Lemuel.

The will of Samuel5, written 10 February 1777 and proved 28 February 1785, names his "beloved wife" Bethia Marchant; 4 daughters — Rachel Baker, Thankful Parker, Bethia Kelley and Ruth Baker — 3 pounds each; 5 grandchildren — Simeon, Deborah, John, Anthony and Josiah Studley — 9 shillings each; 2 sons, Josiah and Ensign, to receive everything else, act as executors, and support "my very aged mother". Daughter Mary must have died before the will was written as her children are mentioned but she is not.

Children — surname MARCHANT — born at Yarmouth:

i. Rachel, 21 January 1737-8; married Silas BAKER 6 December 1757; died 1 July 1816.
ii. Mary, 2 February 1739-40; married Anthony STUDLEY 31 January 1757; died before 1777.
iii. Josiah, 7 August 1742; bapt. at West Yarmouth Church 7 August 1748; married Ann GORHAM 10 January 1765.
iv. Thankful, 13 August 1745; married Elisha PARKER about October 1765.
v. Ensign, 29 April 1750; married Thankful BAKER 21 December 1769.
vi. Bethiah, 25 June 1753; married Abner KELLEY 5 October 1775.
vii. Ruth, 7 May 1756; married Lemuel BAKER 26 January 1775; died 13 October 1824 at Nantucket, Mass.

References: C. E. Bks. 9, 23 I. (Baker Family) F-3. B-4.

130. JOSIAH 4 NICKERSON (Josiah3, Joseph2, William1), born 1709-10 at Harwich, Mass; son of Josiah and Rachel (Maker) Nickerson; died at Harwich 8 January 1740 or 1749 and was buried in Brewster Cemetery.

There is uncertainty about Josiah's death date. The gravestone, which reads "Josias", appears to show the year of death as 1740. Yet his estate, which lists no property, was very small and was settled in 1749-50 — nine years later, if he died in 1740.

Josiah was a weaver, was unmarried, and died intestate in his thirties. Shubael Nickerson of Yarmouth was appointed administrator of his estate and asked for an allowance which included an

amount "to what John King's wife, Mother to the deceased, demands for money lent to him during his life time". (Rachel married 2nd John KING) A debt of 20 pounds was paid to John King of Harwich; Samuel Marchant, Jr. of Yarmouth received 16 pounds 8 shillings due him and his wife, Bethia, who was Josiah's sister; and nephew, Hezekiah Baxter of Yarmouth, was repaid the sum of 16 pounds 8 shillings.

References: E. Bk. 7 X.

131. DEBORAH 4 NICKERSON (Josiah3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; son of Josiah and Rachel (Maker) Nickerson; died May 1747 at Yarmouth, Mass.

She was married 21 April 1743 at Harwich by Rev. Nathaniel Stone to HEZEKIAH 3 BAXTER, born 21 March 1720 at Yarmouth; son of John2 (Thomas1) and Desire (Gorham) Baxter; death date not known.

Ill fortune seemed to be the lot of Hezekiah. Deborah lived only four years after their marriage. Eleven years later he married THANKFUL MARCHANT 4 October 1758, and by 1767 he had lost his sight.

We find this sad account in the Amos Otis Papers (O-2): "4th day of Nov. 1767. Selectmen Prince Hawes and Richard Baxter have bound out and put as an apprentice unto the said Jonathan Rogers, Hezekiah Baxter, a minor son of Hezekiah Baxter of Yarmouth, aged 4 years the first day Oct. last past, and destitute of any guardian or parents to provide for him, his father being a blind man and his mother being a distracted woman supported by the town, being the poor thereof so that he is the proper subject of the Selectmen's care. He is to dwell with said Jonathan Rogers until he is 21." There seems no doubt that his brother Ebenezer, had already been apprenticed.

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Children — surname BAXTER, born at Yarmouth:
By first wife, Deborah —
i. Samuel, 2 January 1745; called Lemuel by the Baxter family.
By second wife, Thankful —
ii. Ebenezer, 17 September 1761; married Elizabeth BURGESS 1789.
iii. Hezekiah, 12 October 1763.
References: C. I. (Baxter Family) C-2. O-2.

132. SHUBAEL 4 NICKERSON (Josiah3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; son of Josiah and Rachel (Maker) Nickerson; died 6 September 1770 at Yarmouth, (now Dennis) Mass. The Rev. Nathan Stone preached at the funeral.

He was married 6 March 1745 at Barnstable, Mass. by Rev. Joseph Green to THANKFUL BEARSE, born 4 February 1724 at Barnstable; daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Cobb) Bearse; death date not known. She was married 2nd, by Rev. Stone, to THOMAS BURGESS 4 November 1773.

From Rev. Nathan Stone's Diary:
"Visited Shubael Nickerson July 30, August 30 and September 3, 1770."
"6 September 1770 Shubael Nickerson died."
"7 September 1770 went to the funeral of Shubael Nickerson."
"February 19, 1777 went to see David Nickerson."
"April 4, 1777 David Nickerson died at 14 years."

It is interesting to note that Shubael "being very weak and sick" wrote his will on September 2, was visited by Rev. Stone the following day, and died three days later.

Shubael left his "loving wife Thankful" all the real estate and personal estate as long as she re-

mained a widow; to his three sons, Josiah, Shubael and David equally, "all estate not before disposed of", or if they died without heirs, to their brothers; to daughter Elizabeth, "the bed, bolster, and 2 pillows she generally lies upon, 1 iron pott and 1 qut bason also 5 pounds."

The inventory, taken 2 October 1770, of Shubael Nickerson, blacksmith, lists cleared land, woodland, salt meadows, house and corn house. Property set off to the widow "now the wife of Thomas Burgess" was one third of the real estate. The land is described as "adjoining the river (Bass River) east of the Indian land . . . . to a partition fence, south about 7 rods from a swamp . . . . then west to the river . . . and north unto the first . . . ."

Also to the south of this property there was land and meadow along the river and a dwelling in which his wife was to have "the great room and the bedroom that is up in the Southwest part of the Chamber with privilege of going to the oven to bake, and going to the said bedroom and all other privileges allowed of going across lands and meadows through gates and bars. . . . ."

The division of land to the widow, Thankful is on the South Dennis side of Bass River, and from the description, we would place it just south of the Mid-Cape Highway. It bounds the Indian land, and as the Indian land was divided out in 1779, we would say that there was a part of the Indian reservation on the Dennis side of Bass River, as well as in Yarmouth. There is evidence of an old house in this area, which can be seen today.

Children, born at Yarmouth, now Dennis:

338. Deborah, 12 December 1746; died before 1770.
339. Elizabeth, 18 January 1748-9; married James BAKER 1769; died 27 October 1815 at Nantucket, Mass.
340. Josiah, 17 March 1750-51; married Reliance CHASE 17 March 1774; died 9 July 1829.
341. David, bapt. 19 May 1753, East Yarmouth, Mass; died young.
342. Shubael, bapt. 22 October 1758; died in infancy.
343. Shubael, 15 September 1759; was living in 1770; probably died young.
344. David, 15 February 1763; died at age 14, March 18, 1777.

References: C. D. E. Bks. 13,20 F. vols. 6,25,33 W. U-2. U-3. V-3 . B-4.

133. REUBEN 4 NICKERSON (John3, Joseph2, William1), born about 1707 at Harwich, Mass; son of John and Sarah (Bassett) Nickerson; died 10 December 1791 and was buried "on the hill near his home" in Eastham, Mass.

He married 1st, int. 28 April 1728-9, at Harwich, PRISCILLA ROGERS, born 1710 at Eastham; daughter of John and his second wife, Priscilla (Hamblin) Rogers; died about 1742 at Harwich.

He was married 2nd at Eastham 30 March 1744 by Joseph Crocker, to RUTH AREY, born 13 June 1721, Eastham; daughter of Samuel and Mary (Mayo) Arey; died 1788 at Orleans-Eastham.

Several times between 1739 and 1754 Reuben signed deeds and agreements with the heirs of John Rogers, probably involving land which was Priscilla's share of her father's estate.

Not much is on record by which we can know Reuben as a person. His name appears in numerous unrecorded Barnstable County deeds (F) indicating that he owned, at one time or another, a considerable amount of property. This much seems certain — that after his wife's death in 1788, he was 80 years of age and living alone in Eastham. His sons, Reuben, Jr. who also lived in Eastham, and Joshua, were known as "wayward" sons, and it is said that because of them he hung himself in his barn the afternoon of December 10, 1791. Family problems perhaps stemmed from political differences.

Children, born at Harwich:

By first wife, Priscilla —

345. Ruth, 23 August 1729; married John MAYO 6 April 1749.

346. Eliphalet, 30 June 1731; married Mary HIGGINS 4 March 1756 at Orleans, Mass; had seven children; died at Orrington, Maine.
347. Priscilla, 17 July 1735; is not mentioned as an heir in 1737; probably died young.
348. Sarah; married, as second wife, Reuben CAHOON 20 May 1762; died between 1765 and 1767.

By second wife, Ruth —
349. John, about 1744; married Sarah HALL, int. February 1779, at Yarmouth, Mass.
350. Jesse, about 1748; married 1st Eunice SNOW at Eastham 20 December 1770; married 2nd Thomasine (Tamsin) KNOWLES at Eastham 19 August 1773. He was lost at sea in 1775.
351. Zeruiah, about 1750; married Timothy FREEMAN 21 October 1768; had 12 children; died in childbirth at Orrington 17 December 1788.
352. Paul, about 1752; married Mary TAYLOR at Orleans 12 February 1778; had 7 children; died 26 April 1826 at Orrington, Maine.
353. Joshua, about 1756; married Jennet YOUNG at Orleans 25 December 1783; had 8 children; died 16 March 1832; buried People's Cemetery, Chatham, Mass.
354. Reuben, about 1757; married Lois (SPARROW) SMITH, a widow, 13 December 1781; had 8 children; died 18 August 1831 at Frankfort, Maine.

References: D. F. vols. 7,11,14,15,17,18,20,23,29 L. C-2. W-3. X-3.

134. JEREMIAH 4 NICKERSON (John3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass; son of John and Sarah (Bassett) Nickerson; died 8 December 1791 at Liverpool, Nova Scotia and was buried there.

He was married 1st in Harwich 7 November 1734 by Joseph Doane, J.P., to DEBORAH YATES, daughter of John and Abigail (Rogers) Yates; died at Harwich between 1735, when her son was born, and 1739, when Jeremiah remarried.

He was married 2nd at Harwich 11 January 1739-40 by Joseph Doane to REBECCA HURD, born 7 April 1713 at Harwich; daughter of John and Hannah (Sparrow) Hurd; died at Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Jeremiah removed to Liverpool with his family probably in the 1740's, and received a grant of land there. (See #73)

If there is any question as to whether Jeremiah may have been the son of Jeremiah3 (#34) who went to Delaware, or was the son of John3 (#38), the study of unrecorded deeds (F) convinces us of the latter.

Jeremiah inherited land from his father-in-law, John Yates, although Deborah had died when the deed was signed 29 May 1747. The lands of John Yates, John Hurd and the Rogers family were adjoined, and were at Namecoit Neck in what was the Eastham-Orleans-Harwich area, now called Namequoit Point. Reuben, son of John3, also inherited land there from the Rogers family — deed signed 18 January 1745-6. Reuben and Jeremiah then must have been brothers, and grandsons of Joseph, as the History of Chatham states. It will be noted that Deborah was a Yates, her mother was a Rogers, and Jeremiah's daughter, Deborah, married a Rogers.

"Thursday December 8, 1791 Mr. Jeremiah Nickerson was found dead in the street opposite John Roberts Gate. Suppose he had an Applectic fit." "Buried Saturday December 10th" (M-2)

Children, born at Harwich:
By first wife, Deborah —
355. Yates, 8 September 1735; married Mary MAYO 22 February 1759; died 1817.

By second wife, Rebecca —
356. Deborah; married Henry ROGERS 7 August 1761.

357. Rebecca; married 1st Joseph FREEMAN 1764; married 2nd Seth SMITH, Jr. after 1809; died at Liverpool, N.S.
358. Jeremiah; married Ruth HINCKLEY, int. 12 April 1766; estate administered 18 September 1820.
359. John; married Achsah CROWELL 14 March 1771 at Liverpool; died there in 1814.
360. Hannah; married John MULLEN at Liverpool.
361. Salome; married Jesse PHILLIPS 1787 at Liverpool.

References: F. Vols. 2,5,6,9,13,19, 27 L. C-2. M-2. N-2. P-3.

135. JESSE 4 NICKERSON (John3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass, date not known; son of John and Sarah (Bassett) Nickerson; was lost at sea about 1745.

He was married 25 February 1736-7 at Eastham, Mass. by Rev. Samuel Osborn to THANKFUL COOK, born 12 June 1717 at Eastham; daughter of Richard.

There were no children of this marriage.
Thankful married 2nd, int. 19 March 1747, Nathan KENNEY.

References: F. vols. 19,28 C-2. N-2.

136. SARAH 4 NICKERSON (John3, Joseph2, William1), born at Harwich, Mass., date not known; daughter of John and Sarah (Bassett) Nickerson; death record not discovered.

She was married 17 November 1737 by Joseph Doane, J.P., at Harwich to JOSEPH 4 COLE, (3rd or Jr.); born 18 May 1718 at Eastham, Mass; son of Joseph3 (John2, Daniel1) and second wife, Mary (Hinckley) Cole; died 1795 at the South Parish of Eastham.

Joseph and Sarah were admitted to the Eastham-Orleans Church 2 May 1774.

On January 29, 1768, Joseph Cole, Sr. sold all his land to his two sons, Joseph and Gershom, with their wives consenting to the division. Some of this land was located on the north side of Queen Anne Road and on the west side of Aunt Edie's Pond.

Children — surname COLE, born at Eastham:
i. Mary, 9 September 1738; married David SNOW 5 December 1765.
ii. Sarah, 9 September 1738 — twin of Mary.
iii. Reuben, 19 January 1742-3; married Hannah COLE, int. 27 April 1762; she died 1787.
iv. Abiel, 24 December 1745; married Hannah LINNELL 2 March 1769; died 19 August 1807.
v. Henry, 9 July 1748; married Desire BASSETT 18 August 1768.

References: F. C-2. N-2. Y-3.

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN

When we say goodbye to the world outside,
I think oft-times as night draws nigh
Of an old house on the hill —
Of a yard all wide and blossom starred
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet
And the yard is still — so still.
But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been
Since then, I still hear our mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder — if — when the shadows fall —
On the last short earthly day,
When we say goodbye to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play —
When we see the Lover of boys and girls
Who died to save them from sin,
Will we hear Him ask, as mother did,
"Are all the children in?"

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4. Robert m. Rebecca Cole
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5. Thomas
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8. John m. Sarah Williams
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